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George Medal for Lisa Potts and bravery awards for Philip Lawrence and teachers of Dunblane

Honours for courage of school staff

By Adrian Lee, Shirley English and Arthur Leathley

FIVE school workers who ignored the risks to themselves to protect children coming under attack are honoured for their courage today - two of them posthumously.

Lisa Potts, the nursery nurse who shielded a group of children from a man with a machete, is awarded the George Medal — Britain's second highest civilian honour

Phillip Lawrence, the London headmaster stabbed to death trying to save a pupil from a street gang, is awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

And three teachers shot in the Dunblane massacre 15 months ago are awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery. Gwen Mayor was killed by Thomas Hamilton along with 16 of her class of six-year-olds. Her colleagues Eileen Harrild and Mary Blake, who are also recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours today, were each shot four times and neither has yet returned to work.

Asked yesterday why the five had received different awards, a Downing Street spokesman said: "The committee looked at each set of circumstances, they were all tragic and each called for bravery. The degree of bravery shown was considered in a very comprehensive way, and they decided these were appropriate awards in respect of each set of circumstances."

Miss Pons, 22 hid children under her skirt when Horrett Campbell ran amok during a teddy bears' picnic at St Luke's infant school, Wolverhampton, last summer, slashing at three- and four-year-olds at



highest civilian award

random. She was severely injured in the attack, but still managed to pull the children indoors to safety and then returned to confront Campbell to save another child.

The judge at Campbell's trial said that he intended to make sure that her "astonishing courage" was formally recognised. But yesterday, Miss Potts said that she was amazed to have been honoured. "I can't believe it. I wasn't thinking about being brave, all I was thinking about was the children."

Mr Lawrence, 48, is posthumously awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for saving a 13-year-old pupil from attack by a gang outside St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale. As the youths chased the boy to the front of the school, hit him on the head

with a metal bar and threatened him with knives, Mr Lawrence intervened, and was stabbed as the gang ran away.

The three other honoured

teachers are commended "for bravery at Dunblane Primary School on Marcy 13, 1996*. Mrs Blake, a special needs teacher who was shot in the legs and head, said yesterday: I had no idea we would even be considered for something like this. So when I found out about ten days ago l just started to cry. I felt very honoured and delighted, but at the same time very sad for the reasons I was receiving it." Today's honours list, which

was largely compiled by John Major, also includes the usual clutch of awards for sports-The artist David Hockney becomes a Companion of Honour and the jazz singer Cleo Laine a dame. Life peerages are awarded to Sir Peter Levene . Mr Major's former efficiency adviser. Field Marshall Sir Peter Inge, former Chief of the Defence Staff, and Sir Colin Cowdrey, the former England cricket captain who is now chairman of the International Cricket Council. The present England captain, Michael Atherton is appointed

New knights include the actor Donald Sinden, playwright Tom Stoppard, and yachtsman Chay Blyth, while the fashion designer Zandra Rhodes and Nick Park, creator of Wallace and Gromit, are appointed CBE.

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Lisa Potts yesterday: "I can't believe it. I wasn't thinking about being brave, all I was thinking about was the children"

pinion leaders think system is outdated

WHITEHALL EDITOR

AN overwhelming number of Britain's opinion leaders believe the honours system urgently needs reform.

They believe the present system places too much patronage in the the hands of the Prime Minister, and most of them want honours to be awarded by a new independent commission.

Most of the 100 people surveyed, including two gov-emment ministers, 20 peers and MPs, a permanent secretary and 50 chief executives, managing directors, chief economists and partners from top City firms, also believe it is

and Union of Women Teach-

ers, said he was "staggered"

by the claim that half of all

schools were underperform-

ing. He said: "Education is an area in which you can never

Doug McAvoy, the General

of Teachers, said

Secretary of the National

schools lacked the support

But David Hart, general

secretary of the National Asso-

ciation of Head Teachers, said

Mr Byers had identified the

right target. These schools

are providing a perfectly rea-sonable standard of education

for their children, but they

Ministers are putting the

finishing touches to a White

Paper, to be published in early

July, which will address the

problem of low expectations.

Authorities will be required to

In addition, the Govern-

ment is considering changes to the appraisal of teachers,

set tough targets for all their

schools.

could improve even more."

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necessary to improve,

of the British Empire Medal to something representing more modern times

The survey for The Times by Opinion Leader Research also reveals that most of those interviewed consider the present system outdated.

Tony Blair has already made clear that he wants to overhaul the system and is expected to call for a review when he has a clearer idea of the best way forward.

According to the survey, 60 per cent of opinion leaders also think it "grossly unfair" that, while the wife of a peer or knight is automatically styled Lady, the husband of a woman who becomes a work-

ing peer or Dame receives no its replacement, 36 per cent title. About 22 per cent disagreed, and 18 per cent had no

In the survey, conducted last week, about 71 per cent called for the system to be urgently reformed, while 21 per cent preferred that it be left alone. Eight per cent had no view.Similarly, 68 per cent said the honours system placed too much patronage in the hands of the Prime Minister compared to the 17 per cent who disagreed. Some 68 per cent also believed the British Empire medals should be

replaced with a new honour.

while 23 per cent opposed the

idea and 9 per cent had no

views. Of those who called for

United Kingdom. Twelve per cent were undecided. About 59 per cent supported an independent Honours

suggested the new medal

should be called the Order of

Great Britain or the Order of

the British Isles, while 20 per

cent supported a Citizen's or

Citizenship Award, 12 per cent

a Society or Community Award, 12 per cent the Order

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agreed, and 15 per cent had no

Adhering to Labour policy since the Wilson era, Mr Blair vetoed political honours in yesterday's list, which was prepared under John Major's premiership. A total of 45 honours were rejected. In future the Prime Minister wants teachers, health workers and police to be rewarded ahead of long-serving civil servants.

Stores ban the sale of alcopops

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Major store chains have banned the sale of alcopops and called on other major retailers to do the same. The Co-op, Iceland stores, and the United Northwest group have all imposed the ban.

Tony Blair yesterday signalled a crackdown on manufacturers who tempt underage

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A £44million scheme to conserve Stonehenge and protect it from tourists and traffic by rerouting a major road has been rejected by the Millennium Commission......Page 5

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Minister shocked by poor school standards

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

HALF of all state schools are under-performing, the minister responsible for school standards said yesterday.

Stephen Byers, in an interview with *The Times*, said he had been shocked by the extent of under-achievement in schools. "The standards debate has been hijacked by 300-400 failing schools when the real issue concerns perhaps 50 per cent which are not doing enough with the pupils they are responsible for."

His estimate is higher than that given by Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, earlier this year. He said in his annual report that standards needed to rise in half of all primary schools but only two-fifths of the secondary sector. Conservative ministers shied away from quantifying under-

achievement. Mr Byers said the 2 per cent of schools failing inspections were often "absolutely appalling", but no Government had tackled the much larger group that needed to improve. "These schools are not failing, they are not even seriously weak, they are just getting by. But if we are going to hit our targets and be serious about

doing something worthwhile, these are the schools that

Mr Byers described a weekend spent reading the reports of all 218 failing schools as "the most depressing of my political life". But he said that raising standards in the half of schools causing concern was the main challenge to be addressed in next month's White Paper.

The comments brought immediate condemnation from classroom teachers' unions. Nigel de Gruchy, the General Secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters



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judging them partly by their pupils' results. Consistently poor results would become a reason for instigating the fasttrack dismissal procedures to be discussed with employers.

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Police could face random drug tests By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE chiefs are studying plans for the introduction of random drug testing in their

Guidelines have been sent by the Association of Police Officers to all 43 forces in England and Wales, The Times has learnt. The 60-page document details the equipment required for drug tests and gives advice on the legal problems that the introduction of widespread testing would

The move comes as senior ranks acknowledge that they are recruiting from a generation where drug use is rife, One recent survey showed that a third of all teenagers in Britain had tried drugs - the highest percentage in the European Union.

Police fear that officers breaking the law in this way could be open to corruption and blackmail. There have been several cases where officers inolved in raids have kept drugs for their personal use or

started dealing. Random tests are already carried out by the Army, the Royal Navy, prisons, public schools, businesses, airlines. rail and shipping companies. Last year the Army carried out 20,000 and recently 12 soldiers from the Black Watch were sacked for taking soft drugs. Testing has also revealed drug taking within the Household

Cavalry.
In the United States, tests on police officers are widely used. A computer picks out a payroll number and the officer is required to give a blood or urine specimen. Some forces now also test using a hair from the scalp. Hair holds drug traces much longer.

Dr lan Oliver, the Chief Constable of Grampian, has said that he will introduce random testing but it has not begun yet, Officers who are caught

using drugs generally leave quietly but cases include a young London officer who left a few weeks ago after being arrested off-duty taking cocaine outside a Brighton club. Another Metropolitan police officer was arrested last year as visited a drug dealer to buy cannabis.

The guidance will be unveiled at a national police drugs conference next week chaired by Keith Hellawell. the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire. He said yesterday: D" It is a big issue for society and we are only just on the fringes of it."

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MPs urge Straw to overhaul rape law

JACK STRAW is under pressure to overhaul the way rape cases are dealt with by the courts in an attempt to prevent women's previous sexual experience being revealed.

More than 100 MPs have signed a Commons motion calling for sweeping changes to court procedures in rape cases and the creation of a new offence to deal with "date rape".

The Home Office is currently carrying out a study into how rape cases are dealt with from the moment they are reported to the end of a trial. It is looking at how each stage of the criminal justice system deals with ape cases amid concern that the in spite of a rise in the number of reported rapes.

Last year reported rapes rose to 5,700 but less than a third resulted in a prosecution, and only about one in ten of them ended in a conviction. In the early 1980s the conviction rate was as high as one in three.

The Commons motion demands an end to the right of an accused rapist to cross-examine the victim and restricts a multiple cross-examination of a woman in cases where there is more than one defendant. Officials at the Home Office are examining whether restrictions could be imposed on accused rapists conducting their own defence. This follows the questioned for six days by her attacker — who appeared in the same clothes he wore during the attack.

The motion also calls for identity parades to be conducted behind mirror glass in an attempt to avoid upsetting women and preventing intimidation. Jill Saward, the victim in the Ealing vicarage rape, said: "I want the Government to take notice of the strength of support in the Commons for reform of the rape laws, and I hope we soon see a real difference being made to the way

rape victims are treated." Miss Saward said reform of laws and court procedures involving rape cases was long overdue. "Victims of rape have a very bad deal in court. The police have done a lot to encourage women to report rape. It is the court system that has not changed enough.

Being raped is bad enough but having to go to court is like having to undergo the whole thing again."

Her most controversial proposal would create a new offence to deal with date rape, and would carry a maximum five-year jail sentence. She said: "It would deal with all the grey areas where maybe a woman said 'no' but everthing else including the mood music were saying yes". It would deal with those cases where consent had not be obtained but where the sexual act was not premed-

itated and is not violent." Miss Saward was speaking on the eve of a conference on rape and the

London. Delegates at today's conference will hear Alice Vachss, a US attorney who made her reputation by taking "unprosecutable" cases involving unsypmathetic victims, want special prosecutors to take rape cases

in court. ☐ A national helpline for victims of crime is to be set up, Mr Straw said yesterday. The Government is giving an extra £lm to the charity Victim Support, part of which will fund the helpline. It will be operated by unpaid volunteers working from Victim Support's national headquar-ters in southwest London. The helpline will operate only a few hours each day day but if demand exists it will become a 24-hour service.

Stores put ban on alcopops to reduce underage drinking

LEADING store chains yesterday banned the sale of alcopops and called on other retailers to do the same.

The Co-op, Iceland stores, and the United Northwest group said they would be clearing the shelves in a total of more than 2,000 shops.

The move came on the day that the Prime Minister signalled a crackdown on manufacturers who tempt underage drinkers. It also came the day after the Health Secretary launched a strong attack on alcopops manufacturers, saying they were deliberately trying to get children addicted

Bill Shannon, head of the Co-op's buying and marketing team, said: "As responsible retailers, we feel the time has come to act, given the concern expressed by our own custom-Government

"We believe these drinks are designed specifically to appeal to young people and are, in fact, largely consumed by under-ISs who cannot legally buy them.

Mr Shannon also criticised the self-policing of drinks manufacturers, carried out by the industry-funded Portman Group, saying: "It is inade-quate and ultimately power-less to stop such drinks

Malcolm Walker, the chairman of loeland, said the move was prompted by customer concern. "Whilst commercially this decision will hurt, as a family company we must act responsible and reflect the

views of our customers. There is definite evidence that these drinks are encouraging under age drinking -

this can't be tolerated. We very much hope that our action will motivate other retailers to do likewise and would ask manufacturers of these products to consider their community obligations."

The store, which stocks two brands of alcopops in six flavours, will begin clearing its shelves of the drinks on Monday at all its 770 stores.

A United Northwest spokesman said: "We are the first store taking alcopops off our shelves. The rest of the cooperatives will start acting on Monday. We are the country's third largest Co-op and this is a very significant addition."

The move will add to the pressure on drinks manufacturers, which earn an estimated £250 million a year in alcopops sales, to stop producing the drinks or introduce stricter controls on their sale. But Bass, which produces two-thirds of all alcopops.

including Hooper's Hooch and Red, reacted angrily to the ban. "We are disappointed with the Co-op's actions and totally disagree with their comments regarding

"Under-age drinking will not be eradicated by arbitrarily targeting or demonising popular drinks which are enjoyed responsibly by the vast majority of comsumers."

Tesco, Sainsbury's and Safeway's rejected the C-op call and refused to remove alcopops from their shelves. However, all three retailers said they were introducing tough new measures to com-bat the selling of alcohol to

John Gildersleeve, a director of Tesco, said: "After listening to our customers, it is clear the majority do not favour a total ban.

"However, they do want further action."

Tesco is demanding that alcopops carry stronger warning labels and it has banned all in-store alcopops promotions. "This new package will send a clear message to the industry that we will not tolerate the products in our stores if they are targeted at children," Mr Gildersleeve

Asda said it was meeting with suppliers to insist on stricter control of marketing and labelling of the products. Sainsbury is putting stickers over the barendes of alcopops to remind staff to check the customer's age, and Safeway's is banning all alcopops

A spokeswoman for J Sainsbury said: "We don't make moral decisions on behalf of our customers. Where there is a demand for a product, we believe customershould have a choice."



The hirsute Kenneth Clarke believes that William Hague, his balding rival is younger only on paper

Hague may be the junior but Clarke's still young at heart

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE, the hirsute elder statesman of the Tory leadership contest, yesterday sought to portray the young pretender William Hague as a balding fogey who was old before his time.

The former chancellor, 56, attacked his principal rival's image which has been so carefully honed by communications specialists. As the gloves came off in the Tory leadership contest Mr Clarke branded Mr Hague, who at 36 is 20 years his junior, as "completely woolly", on policy, divisive over Europe, and a frump to boot who was

only younger on paper. While Mr Clarke attempted to demolish the "skin-ageneration" argument, which has seen Mr Hague become the bookmakers' favourite, Barnness Thatcher has decided not to intervene in the leadership contest. She has rejected pleas from supporters of John Redwood

Mr Clarke, who is Lady Thatcher's least preferred candidate, rejected the notion that the big attraction to Tory MPs in next Tuesday's ballot was that Mr Hague would be only 41 at the next election in 2002.

"Younger?" he said. "It says so on his birth certificate. I agree. But I am not sure he is otherwise."

In an interview in The Scotsman he said "I will be only 61", making clear that, world standards, it was still a relatively junior age to be Prime Minister. Mr Hague has pledged to exploit his so called youth appeal.

Talks fail to resolve railway dispute

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of rail travellers in the South East face continued disruption today with almost one in three trains likely to be cancelled because of industrial action by drivers.

Connex South Central expects to cancel 435 trains from Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire into Victoria and London Bridge as members of the drivers' union Aslef continue a ban on overtime and rest-day working. A further 179 trains will complete only part of their journeys because of the action over a restructuring deal involving pay, hours and working practices.

Many commuters were delayed yesterday as one in five trains — a total of 334 — were cancelled in the most extensive action to trouble the newly privatised rail companies. Talks broke up without agreement yesterday but union leaders will consider new proposals put forward by management. Special trains planned for tomorrow's London to Brighton bicycle ride will be cancelled.

The company faces the threat of further industrial action from train guards belonging to the Rail Mari-time and Transport Union. Union members at Eastbourne are pressing for a ballot on strikes in protest at assaults on staff. The company said it had launched a security operation to tackle the request for a risk assessmer has been turned down.

The dispute comes as the company follows other train operators that have introduced new working arrange ments after privatisation. Most agreements have been reached without industrial action, surprising analysts who expected rail unions to flex their muscles with the break-up of the British Rail management structure.

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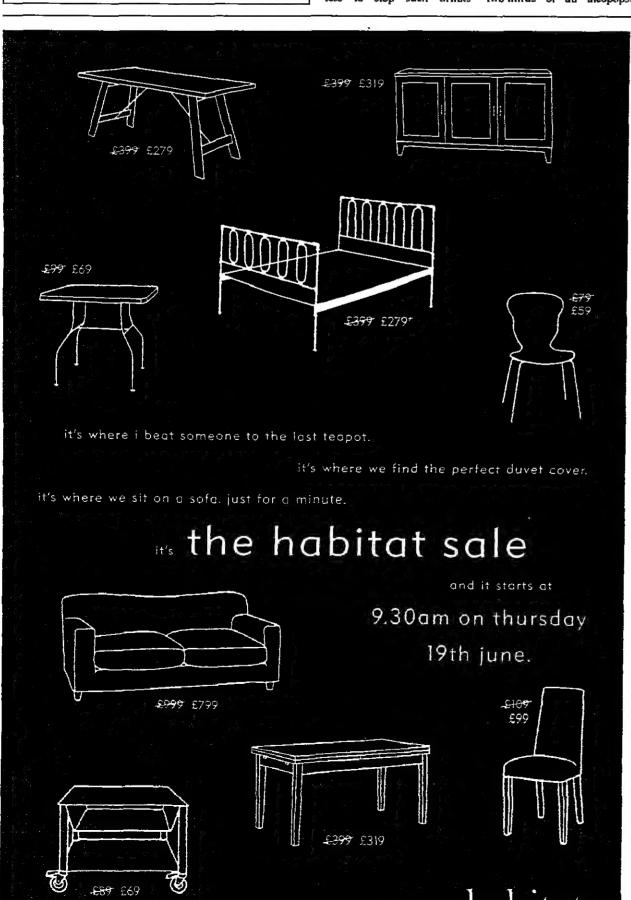
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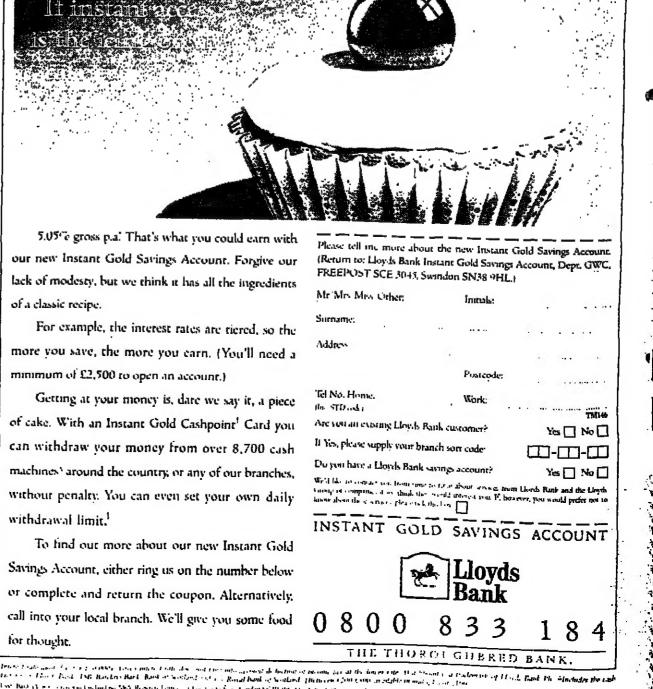
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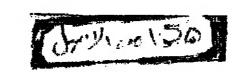
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Bored guard started blaze that killed woman firefighter

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SECURITY guard who lived in a fantasy world set fire to a store in Bristol to relieve his boredom. The blaze claimed the life of a 2t-year-old woman, the first female firefighter to die in service,

Yesterday, Martin Cody was convicted of the manslaughter of Fleur Lombard. who died in a fireball that burnt off her protective clothing and breathing apparatus. He was also found guilty of deliberately sening fire to Len's supermarket in Staple Hill on his first nightshift on February 4 last year.

The court was told that Miss Lombard had died doing the job she loved. She had just completed her two-year probaionary period with Avon Fire Brigade and had joined the Blue Warch at Speedwell Fire Station, based minutes from

The vivacious young woman had established herself as an integral part of the watch, although one of only eight women among Avon's 700 firefighters. She had been awarded a Silver Axe as the best recruit of her intake. During the trial at Exeter



Firefighters tackling the Bristol supermarket blaze



Cody: sentencing will take place in September

Crown Court, which began on June 4, the jury were told of the events that led to Miss Lomhard's death. Hours before he started the blaze, Cody arrived for duty wearing a American chevrons and police medals over his security guard

Paul Chadd, for the prosecution, told the jury, which included eight women, that before the fire Cody had said he was bored and wanted something exciting to happen.

iour after the fire. Cody, a loner who was extensively bullied at school, had built up a bizarre fantasy world. He became obsessed with military affairs at a young age and built up a collection of military badges, sewing them to his jackets and pyjamas, and telling colleagues he was in the Army, working as a corporal in charge of "squaddies", or on an undercover assignment.

It was his first day on duty at the two-storey building, where

he told Louise Mains, a shop

assistant: "This is boring, I wish something exciting would happen." About an

hour later, smoke began to fill the store rapidly, Mr Chadd

Cody had started the blaze in packing materials in the

meat preparation room in the

warehouse. He was the only

person in uniform in the store,

where he was twice seen going

through swing doors towards

the warehouse - an area

where he was not required to

Afterwards, Cody had

downwards with his

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seemed seemed "happy": a

witness had seen him punch-

clenched fist, shouting "Yes"

in a gesture like a "footballer who liad just scored a goal".

Within minutes of the recov-

ery of Miss Lombard's body,

Cody had relephoned a col-

league at the security firm to

tell him about the fire. He had

added: "It is a good one, it is

Detectives had arreested

Cody two days later, when

they become suspicious about

his unusual and erratic behav-

During his school years a number of unexplained small fires broke out in bins, waste



Fleur Lombard was said by her parents to have died doing what she wanted to do

After leaving school he went into a string of jobs as a security guard which coincided with minor incidents, such as apparent acts of vandalism. or repeated emergency service call-outs.

His final act of vandalism was to take a young woman's life, the court was told. After his arrest, Cody had continued his day-dreaming, telling detectives he would have liked to join the police as a member of the tactical firearms unit.

Yesterday Cody, from Bristol, stared ahead impassively as Mr Justice Tuckey said that

sentencing would be adjourned until September 1 for pre-sentence reports, including medical reports. His trial was moved to Exeter from Bristol because of the level of publicity surrounding Miss Lombard's death.

Outside the court her parents. Roger and Jane Lombard, spoke of their relief that the trial was over. The couple had chosen not to attend the whole trial but had spent the time in Cornwall, visiting the Church of Saint Enodoc at Trebetheric, where their daughter's ashes are buried.

"It is an area she was very fond of and people who know it will understand why we decided her ashes should be there." Mr Lombard said.

We are all extremely proud of her. She died doing what she wanted to do. We are very pleased with the verdict, and pleased with the implication that this young man may get psychiatric help. If this is the way the sentencing comes out. it would be a good thing."

Mrs Lombard said: "I never wanted Fleur to join the service. But it is what she wanted to do. She knew the risks."

'As soon as we laid her down, I heard someone say: she's gone'

JURORS wept as they heard the harrowing details of Fleur Lombard's final minutes. Fireman Robert Seaman, who had entered the burning building with Miss Lombard, told the court of his desperate attempt to find her after losing contact with her in the pitch black, smoke-filled building. She had shouted "Evacu-

ate" to her colleagues moments before she was engulfed in a fireball, the court was told. The two, both wearing breathing apparatus and carrying a guideline, fought through intense smoke ed inside. They had crawled along through searing heat as explosions sounded over their heads until Mr Seaman told his partner that they would have to leave.

"Both the heat and noise had increased dramatically and I heard Fleur shout 'Evacuate,' We turned round. which made me the lead person. We maintained physical contact, holding on to each other's breathing apparatus straps. I looked up and could see the flames above me." Mr Seaman said.

They started to crawl back but broke into a trot as the explosions increased and Miss Lombard overtook him. Mr Seaman said he could not remember if he had blacked out, but found himself on the floor with no sign of Miss Lombard.

Assuming she had made her way out he left the building, to be told by waiting firefighters that Miss Lornbard had not emerged. In fact, she had been caught in a "flash-over", a rogue sheet of flame rushing through the building. The crew ran inside to find Miss Lombard kneeling with her head towards the wall. Mr Seaman said.

As his colleagues sprayed jets, he pulled her back by the shoulders. "Her breathing apparatus just fell off," he said. I could not see her mask or helmet and her tunic was just not there from the chest level down to her knees."

Mr Seaman helped to carry Miss Lombard to the store entrance, where he collapsed. He was later treated for minor burns to his back, ears and

Patrick Foley, who was with the hose team and returned with rescuers to find Miss Lombard, told how he had helped to rescue Miss Lombard's body.

"I could see only the re-mains of clothing on her body. I could not see her mask or helmet. As soon as we laid her down, I heard someone say, 'She's gone.' " Miss Lombard was dead on arrival at Frenchay Hospital in Bristol. More than 60 firefighters

took four hours to control the blaze, which caused damage estimated at £2 million and destroyed the building. A black granite memorial to Miss Lombard stands outside

the store, which was rebuilt a year after the fire. The memo rial plaque contains brief details of her death and the inscription: 'She was an inspiration to us all,"

Detective Sergeant Steve Gittens, a senior police investigator, said after the verdict that it had been a "very emotional case. A lot of effort went into the case and we are very pleased at the outcome."

Priest forgives student who nearly killed him

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A PRIEST stabbed in the back by a parishioner publicly forgave his attacker last night as the man was sent to a secure

psychiatric unit. Father Edward Carroll, 65, escaped death after the Sin blade went within less than half an inch of his aorta, the Old Bailey was told. "If anyone deserved divine intervention, it was this good man," said Helena Kennedy, QC, in mitigation for Nicholas Top.

But even with the knife up to its hilt in his back, the Roman Catholic priest said he felt calm and at peace, and bore no animosity towards his attacker. Last night Father Carroll, of the Sacred Heart church in Islington, who needed a week in hospital and two months' recuperation, said he felt himself forgive Top as he stood in his presbytery kitchen with the knife protruding from

his back. There was no sense of anger or revenge," he said. "Without any effort on my part, forgiveness was there."
The priest knew that Top. 27, a French student from a Carbelle family suffered from Catholic family, suffered from mental illness, although it had never manifested itself before. He had met him at meetings

held for people interested in He had let the student in after he had frantically rung the bell, saying he was possessed. Once inside, he told Father Carroll: "I want the sacred blood. Give me the sacred blood. I am possessed.

Give me the precious blood. This is the night the anti-Christ comes. This is the night

of the curse." Brian Altman, for the prosecution, said: "Father Carroll told him he was not in any state to receive communion, but he would give him an appropriate blessing."

As he looked for a blessing. Top asked for a glass of water. Once in the kitchen he asked for a slice of bread and appeared calm. As the priest went to get butter from the fridge, "he felt a solid blow in the back - and a numbness".

His attacker went to a friend's home and rang the police, telling them he thought he had killed the priest. The court was told that Top, diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, had been taking



Carroll: felt calm, even

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But he became ill and defusional early last year and more chaotic in taking medication. "He thought he was being pursued by evil forces:" Miss Kennedy said.

Top. of Holloway, north London, admitted wounding. Judge Richard Hutchinson told him that, although his moral guilt was little because of his illness, the public must be protected. He sent him to the secure unit of Chase Farm hospital in Enfield, north London, indefinitely. It means that you will be subject to review and cannot be released until it is safe to do so,"

Father Carroll, described in court as being "renowned as an incredible and compassionate man and for his pastoral care", said yesterday: "If he knocked on the door tonight I would invite him in, but I would not let him into the kitchen again," he said, de-scribing how he had been threatened before by other

parishioners. In a previous parish I was threatened by a man who said he had a gun. I said: 'Go on, shoot me.' The gun turned out to be a cigarette lighter." The incident had not tested his faith at all, he added.

But he is still physically weak and cannot walk around much. He spends more time indoors as a result. Some wound pain may not entirely settle, the court was told.

Parker **Bowles** may face charges

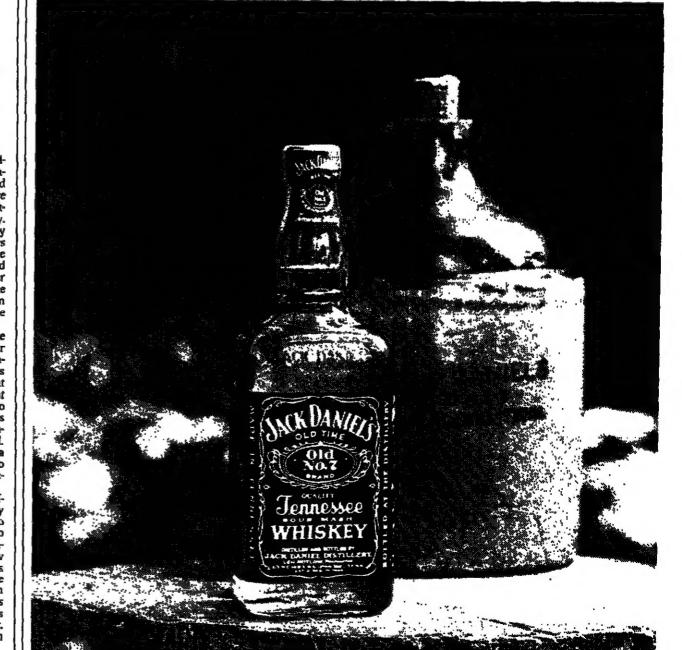
BY JOANNA BALE

CHARGES over the headon car crash between Camilla Parker Bowles and an interior designer have not been ruled out, Wiltshire police said yesterday. Inspector Geoffrey Hicks said that officers were investigating the cause of the accident and the actions of Mrs Parker Rowles, who left the scene of the crash to summon help on her mobile

telephone.

He said: "At this stage we are not saying 'yes' or 'no' to charges. The expla-nation Mrs Parker Bowles has given for leaving is that the area where the accident took place was a poor radio signal and, because it was urgent, she walked to higher ground to make the call. Because she is classed as a security risk she had to contact Highgrove or sec-urity officers there."

Mrs Parker Bowles suffered a minor head injury when her Ford Mondeo collided with a Volvo driven by Carolyn Mel-ville-Smith on a narrow country lane four miles from Highgrove, the Prince of Wales's home, Mc Wednesday evening. Ms Melville-Smith, 53, was briefly trapped in her car, which landed on its side in



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Pets suffer too as more people become allergic to modern life

BY GLEN OWEN

MORE than half the population will soon suffer from allergies, with even the household pet falling victim, a conference was told yesterday.

The British Allergy Foundation told a meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine that 35 per cent of the population suffers from allergic reactions to food, pets, insects, dust or pollen, with symptoms ranging from runny eyes to swollen joints and even suffocation. Muriel Stevens, chief executive of the foundation, said that the numbers were rising.

These reactions are increasing dramatically, and we think that in the very near future more than one in two people will be affected. It is important people realise the scale of the problem," she said. Paul Oliver Smith, a vet, told the meeting that pets were not only trigger-

ing reactions in human beings, they were also being affected by us. He said some of the symptoms of affliction - bloating, nausea. vomiting and irritated skin were now being seen in household animals. I have seen every human symptom of reaction repeated in pets, except for the most extreme reaction, suffocation.

"In reverse, pets are generating allergies in us. Broody women clutching animals when they want to get pregnant are building allergies into that pregnan-cy. When the child is born it is more likely to be allergic to pets and other triggers. Also, we think that now women are waiting longer to have children they are coming into contact with more allergens than they used to, which is

having an effect on their offspring." A research paper presented to the conference suggested that both pets and

human beings were being sensitised by an increase in pollution, and cited studies linking increased rates of asthma to traffic emissions. It also blamed indoor pollution, arguing that changes in housing habits over the past 40 years had nurtured allergens. Wall-to-wall carpeting and more humid indoor climates had encouraged house dust mites, which could trigger reactions.

The meeting also heard that people were becoming increasingly prone to nut allergies, with children particularly vulnerable. It said more than 100,000 children were now affected in Britain.

The parents of one sufferer, six-yearold Joshua Day, said the reactions could be extreme. "If he eats a peanut he could die," said his father, Vic. "He has to take adrenaline around with him in case he eats one by accident and has to inject himself to reverse the swelling."

Blair takes question time to the heart of Middle England

By James Landale, political reporter

TONY BLAIR travelled to the heart of Middle England yesterday for the first of his "people's question time"

In the gilded splendour of Worcester's Guildhall, the Prime Minister spent an hour answering questions on law and order issues from an invited audience representing the local community. In what amounted more to an exchange of views rather than a tough public interrogation, Mr Blair faced 23 questions from the 130-strong audience of law and order professionals and community groups.

He used the occasion to signal a crackdown on the consumption of alcopop drinks by underage teenagers. In response to a question about the dangers of alcopop abuse. Mr Blair said the Government had set up a ministerial inquiry into the problem headed by Jack

Ministers are planning to meet the drinks industry and other interested groups to discuss the issue.

Mr Blair also announced. plans to give fresh powers to the courts to force young vandals to repair damage they have caused and pledged new moves to improve the protection of vulnerable witnesses.

The question-and-answer sessions, to be held each month in different parts of the country, are designed to allow ordinary people to hold the Prime Minister to account,

They said Mr Blair had more time to spend in the country because he had to face formal questions in the Commons only once a week.

Members of the public often ask better questions than Tory MPs," the source said.

Government officials were keen to emphasise that the invited audience had been

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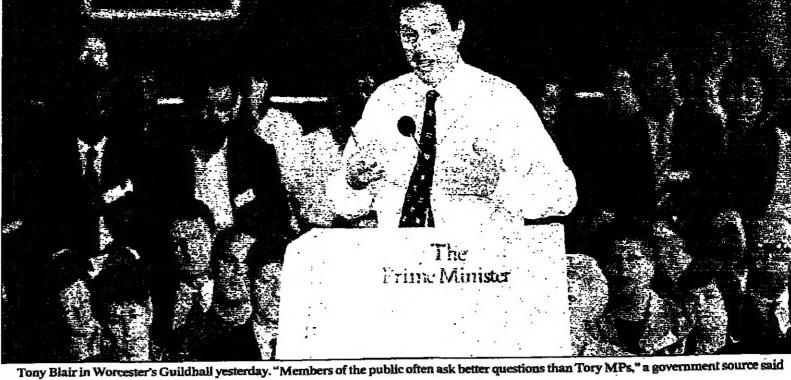
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selected by local government offices in the West Midlands and by the police. They insisted that the Labour Party had not been involved. Half the audience were professionals who work in law and order, such as police, magistrates. court officials, and the Crown Prosecution Service. The rest were members of the local community, including businessmen, victim support groups, tenants' associations, youth groups and pressure

Mr Blair answered questions on subjects from youth crime, drug abuse and domesric violence to aggressive begging. Looking relaxed and without his jacket, Mr Blair chaired the event himself with David Blakey, the West Mercia Chief Constable. The session was similar to those Mr Blair held during the election campaign. He took three questions in a row before answer-



the House of Commons, this meant the Prime Minister had rime to consider his answers. None of the questions could be described as hostile. Questioners were more concerned to ask about Labour policies,

the forthcoming Crime and Disorder Bill, and how much funding the Government was prepared to devote to law and

were given an address to write to if they had not had time to ask a question and Mr Blair promised a reply would be

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Afterwards members of the audience felt the event had been more of an opportunity for an exchange of view rather than a gruelling session to hold the Prime Minister to account. Larry Purnell, an A-

Sixth Form College, said: There should have been a smaller group so we could have had a more confrontational discussion. That would have been better."

Claire Maidment said the ession had been better than Commons question time because "you at least get his thoughts directly". But she added: "He didn't really open up on a number of things."

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Ron Davies, the Welsh

Secretary, is to scrap the register of names for appointment to Welsh quangos. Mr Davies is determined to end the "jobs for the boys" culture in Wales despite attempts by a number of officials in departments across Whitehall to block the plan. Mr Davies said that in future all posts would be advertised widely and candidates would be appointed strictly on merit.

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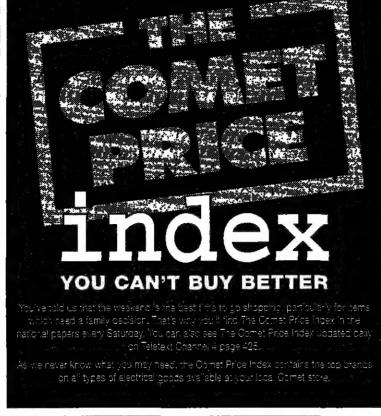
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Boys accused of throwing slab at driver are freed

By Richard Ford and Mark Henderson

TWO teenage boys accused of through a car windscreen and seriously injuring its driver walked free from court yesterday after a stipendiary magistrate ruled that there was insufficient evidence to send them for trial.

The boys, aged 14 and 15, were alleged to have thrown a L'in square concrete slab, weighing 50lb, from a bridge over the M3 in Hampshire. It smashed through the windscreen of a Ford Escort being driven by Simon Willmott, 23. a cable company salesman. and critically injured him.

The youths were charged with recklessly endangering the life of Mr Wilmott, of Bagshot in Surrey. He spent five months in hospital with ries after the incident near Odiham last October.

The boys, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were also charged with recklessly endangering the life of Sharon Goodacre, a motorist driving behind Mr Willmott. They were also accused of damaging both vehicles.

Paul Farmer, sitting at Aldershot Magistrates Court. said he was not convinced the evidence against the teenagers would be sufficient for a properly instructed jury to convict them. He ordered that both youths be discharged. His decision is a blow to the

Crown Prosecution Service which felt it had a realistic prospect of a conviction at crown court. Four prosecution witnesses gave evidence during the full committal hearing. which had been requested by the defence lawyers. Under this system the evidence is produced and tested in the magistrates' court before a decision is taken on whether to

commit the case to crown One of the witnesses who

gave evidence admitted that he had been in the general area of the bridge two weeks before the incident with a group of youths. A key prosecution witness was able to identify only one defendant and other witnesses claimed to have seen the two youths at the same time in different places.

Detective Constable Steve Hampson, one of the officers in the case, said that the investigation had been taken as far as it could go. "We have a mountain of evidence in the case file which hasn't come in court over the past two days. We're very disappointed that things aren't going any further."

more evidence, no further action could be taken.

Mr Willmott, who has returned to work, was not in court for the two-day hearing. He and his parents Alan, a bookseller, and Sandy, a jewellery shop assistant, were understood to be abroad on holiday yesterday. A colleague of Mr Willmott

at his employers. Nynex, in Bournemouth said she and everyone at the company was very disappointed with the verdict. "It's horrific that no one is going to be brought to justice," she said.

Outside the court, the father of one of the youths said the family would seek compensation for the cost of fighting the case. He said: "We have had nine months of hell and spent more than £5,000.

This isn't the end of it and although we're obviously pleased at what's happened today for the two lads, things are just beginning. We have

Aitken a stranger to truth, says QC

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Judge in the Jonathan admitted he was guilty of a Airken libel action said yester- "lack of candour" over his day that he would have to "reconsider his position" if the defence decided to call his wife Catharine as a witness.

Mr Justice Popplewell was told in the High Court by George Carman QC, counsel for the defence, that as a member of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Lady Popplewell might be required to give evidence over the former cabinet minister's involvement in TV-am in the 1980s and a secret Saudi Arabian E3.3 million stake in the troubled breakfast station.

The judge also said his position would have to be considered if the defendants in the case. The Guardian and Granada TV, decided to call the IBA's former chairman Lord Thomson of Monifieth or John Whitney, its director general - both of whom he knew socially.

But Mr Carman said he did not foresee that Lady Popplewell needed to be interviewed or called as a witness. Mr Airken, 54, who resigned from TV-am in 1988, has

failure to disclose to the IBA the Arab investment in "Aitken Telecommunications Holdings Limited" which had a stake in the station. But he has rejected claims that he entered into a secret deal to give the Saudis control,

Mr Aitken is suing over allegations in The Guardian and in the World in Action programme Jonathan of Arabia in 1995 that he was financially dependant on the Arabs and provided prostitutes for them.

Mr Carman put it to him: "A long time ago you said in a moving public speech you were going to take up the sword of truth to prosecute these claims of libel. As a man who claims to take up the sword of truth my last suggestion to you is this: you have proved yourself a stranger to the truth wherever it suits you. Before this court case and

during it." But Mr Aitken said he would be vindicated by his evidence in court. The hearing continues.

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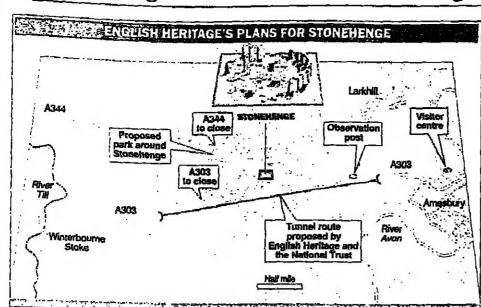
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Lottery rejection demolishes £44m Stonehenge plan

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A SCHEME to protect Stone-henge from the ravages of tourists and traffic was rejected by the Millennium Commission yesterday.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chair-man of English Heritage, which owns the site, voiced dismay that the £44 million project would have to be scrapped, even though it had the backing of government archaeologists and the local community. 'It's tragic," Sir Jocelyn said. They did not

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Heritage, which had applied for £22 million, that it faced stiff competition from other schemes. Sir Jocelyn, emphasising that English Heritage had cut costs to the bone, said: "I don't think there's a less expensive way. I haven't a clue how we're going to do it as we haven't got any money." Preparing the scheme had cost about £2 mil-

lion over the past five years. He said that Stonehenge was suffering from an estimat-

passing on the A303, 300 yards away, causing the standing stones to vibrate continuously, "An icon of En-gland's built heritage is being damaged by the road and fumes. It sends a signal to the world about how little Britain cares for its monument."

The 5,000-year-old stones draw nearly one million visitors a year. "Over half find the experience very disappointing," Sir Jocelyn said. "They have an ugly little car park, a pathetic counter from which to get a cup of tea and, if it's

raining, water goes down your neck. We believed we had a very good solution." English Heritage had, he said, addressed all the concerns of a 1992 report that branded the site a national disgrace.

it was planned to grass over the A344 on the north side of the stones and cut and cover the main road, the A303, on the south side. As well as building a visitor centre, there would have been a 6,000-acre Millennium Park. The visitor centre, offering an audio-visual history of the site, would

have been out of sight from the stones. Access to the stones would have been free, with tickets to the visitor centre. which would have been optional, costing about £6.75.

Sir Jocelyn speculated that the commission may have left uneasy about a private investor making a profit through lottery cash: the scheme involved the Tussauds Group. which was proposing to invest £10 million. Phil Taylor, an executive director of Tussauds, said: "This was one of

exciting opportunities that has existed for many years. Everyone on the team is very disappointed.

A security guard on patrol at Stonehenge yesterday. English Heritage's plans included a new visitor centre and 6.000-acre Millennium Park

Sir Jocelyn was frustrated that the Millennium Commissioners did not provided guidance on what concerned them. When any of them visited they invalidated anything they said in the following sentence, 'I'm not encouraging you or discouraging you ...'
I'd try to pick up crumbs that would fall off their table."

Sir Jocelyn was unable to explain the rejection and said The Ramblers and other environmental organisations had given their blessing to the plans. All by-ways would have been preserved and a road removed. "It's the sort of scheme that Swampy would have liked. It's ideal for what the Millennium Commission

was set up to do." He hopes to discuss the matter with Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, who chaired the Millennium Commission meeting, "I will ask for his support in the search

thought the solution would require a Cabinet decision." A spokeswoman for the Millennium Commission said: "We have advised Eng-

lish Heritage that we don't think they ve got a chance of being successful. We've warned them that we don't think it's worth them spending any more money pursuing the application. We've been incredibly oversubscribed and they are in competition with an awful lot of other projects."

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Mickey Mouse toy banned by the Nazis is expected to sell for £30,000



ONE of the few clockwork Mickey Mouse figures made in Germany before the Nazis nationalised the factory and banned their production is expected to sell for a record £30,000 next week.

The tin-plate Mickey and Minnie on a motorcycle was made for only a short period between the wars before the Nazis took over and demanded more Germanic toys. The one being auctioned at Christie's South Kensington on Monday

Roadshow. It is the only known example in its original box, which could add £10,000 to the estimate of between £15,000 and £20,000.

Giles Moon, a toy specialist at Christie's, said: "I can't stress enough how important it is because collectors for Mickey are quite fanatical and anything with the original box is sought after."

Rarity has made the toy one of the most valued on the market. The catalogue entry shows two photographs of it and three of the box,

Disney figures. The toy was bought from a branch of Woolworth's, probably in Cheltenham in the early 1930s. It was a present for the vendor's uncle, then aged nine.

The owners were not aware of its value until the BBC television programme visited Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. They did not go to the roadshow, but allowed their neighbours to take the toy on their behalf. It was spotted by Hilary Kaye, the head of Sotheby's

toy department and one of the

Afterwards, however, the owners took their treasure to a local branch of Christie's. Sotheby's greatest rival, where staff immediately sent it to be auctioned in London.

The toy was made by Tipp & Co to capitalise on the popularity of the early Mickey Mouse films. But Hitler's rise to power in 1933 spelt the end for the American interloper and Mickey was banned by 1935.

The German modelmakers gave Mickey rat-like features and fivefingered hands instead of the usual collecting appeal, but its most valuable feature is the original box. Mr Moon said that another early toy of Mickey Mouse as an organ grinder could make, in good condition, between £5,000 and £6,000. But Christie's had sold a boxed version for £13,000.

Another Mickey and Minnie motorcyle model that came to light after the television programme will be sold by Phillips on Tuesday. That one is unboxed and expected to make between £7.000 and £10,000.

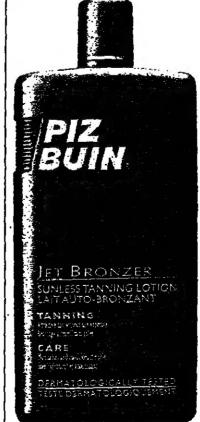


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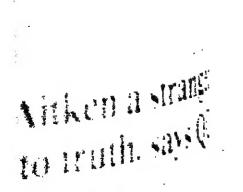




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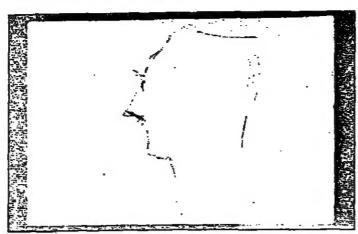
Starting tomorrow in The Sunday Times

TWO leading historians of Nazi Germany were locked in dispute yesterday over whether a drawing of Adolf Hitler is a rare self-

The small picture in pencil, signed and dated by the Nazi leader, was taken as a souvenir by a British soldier advancing through Germany in 1945. It is to be auctioned later this month after being authenticated by Michael Mackintosh, a Hitler expert with 20 years' experience, as a self-

Mr Mackintosh, who advised the late Marquess of Bath on his renowned collection of Hitler's art. is convinced the portrait is a genuine work by Hitler and of great historical importance. He has hailed the picture as a major find because of the year in which it was drawn - 1931, two years before Hitler secured power

But David Irving, the rightwing historian who was the only academic to spot that the Hitler diaries were a hoax, declared the portrait to be the work of another artist after he was shown a copy by The Times. Mr Irving compared the newly discovered drawing to a self-portrait of Hitler which he



Historians lock horns over

Hitler's talents as an artist

David Irving believes his portrait shows Hitler's true style

Hitler's houses were in the US-

controlled zone of Germany.

which makes it doubly unlikely for

a British soldier to find a genuine Hitler self-portrait in the British-controlled sector."

Mr Irving, currently working in

Florida, is in no doubt about the

authenticity of his Hitler self-

portrait. It was taken from Hitler's

desk during the final days of the

war by the Nazi leader's private secretary, Christa Schroeder, whom Irving knew for many years. My picture was among

some of the things she saved and it

home, "I'm 80 per cent sure this is a pencil sketch by someone else, but that Hitler autographed it during one of his many walkabouts. Hitler did not date his own work at this period and the quality of the shading and draughts-manship is too subtle to be Hitler's," he said.

It was common in this period for Hitler to sign pictures offered to him by supporters. My picture, which is definitely by Hitler. shows his cruder style very

Mr Irving also questioned the

mistress." Mr Mackintosh, however, believes that the disputed sketch could have been a gift from Hitler to a high-ranking Nazi official, particularly as it was found in a magnificent silver frame decorated with swastikas. Though Mr Mackintosh was

initially dismayed by Mr Irving's judgment, he was sticking to his guns after double-checking his original evaluation. "I have crossreferenced this picture with other examples of Hitler's draughtmanship and still believe the work is consistent with the quality of Hitler's craftsmanship."

The sketch was found by Donald Sims, a British soldier serving with The Royal Corps of Signals, as he searched a bombed-out building in Essen for booby traps. He discovered the picture in the boarded-up house of a local gauleiter. Mr Sims, now in his 70s and living in Cirencester, sold the frame for its scrap value in the 1970s, but kept the picture, much to the annoyance of his wife.

The portrait, is to be sold by the Manor Estate Auction Rooms in Lianelli, Carmarthenshire, or June 21. The estimated value is £2,000-£3,000, but experts believe it could fetch five or six times that



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Rural marchers rally to defence of country sport

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

RURAL workers fearful for their jobs and homes set out today on a series of marches from all over Britain, converging on London next month for a rally in defence of country

Organisers expect the rally in Hyde Park to attract up to 100,000 people who resent the threat to their way of life from what they see as an intolerant urban majority with no understanding of country traditions.

Seven marchers will start today from Caldbeck in the Lake District and 26 leave Coldstream in the Borders tomorrow. Marchers from Cornwall and Wales set out on June 27. In all about a hundred will take to the road, hoping that sympathisers will swell their ranks. They have been offered free accommodation in village halls, barns, pubs and private homes and plan to arrive in Hyde Park for the rally on July 10.

The marchers set off as Michael Foster, Labour MP for Worcester, ponders whether to press ahead with a Private Member's Bill to ban hunting with hounds. The Government has pledged to allow a free vote on such a measure, which would command a big majority in the Commons.

Mr Foster is said to be under pressure from party whips to abandon plans for the Bill, at least in this session of Parliament, because of fears that it would be liercely opposed in the Lords, holding up the passage of more important legislation.

Simon Clarke, of the British Field Sports Society, who is coordinating the rally, says 500 creaches and seven trains have

been hired by hunts and other countryside groups to take people to the event. There is tremendous interest," he said. "Some country estates and businesses such as saddlers and feed merchants are planning to give their staff the day off so they can attend. We now have a Government with a large majority of urban MPs. This raily is critical to show them just how important

country sports are."

John Fretwell, huntsman with the Stowe Beagles in Buckinghamshire and chairman of the recently formed Union of Country Sports Workers, said: "I stand to lose my home and my job. But it is not just hunting that is threatened. If the anti-hunting fanatics get their way, grouse-shooting and salmon-fishing will be the next on the list of targets for the abolitionists." The Labour Party insists that

shooting and angling are safe. Field sports supporters say that if MPs approve a Bill to ban hunting they will be voting to destroy up to 14,000 rural jobs and signing the death warrants of thousands of hounds and horses.

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There are 319 officially recognised packs of fox, deer, beagle, harrier, basset, mink and fell hounds in Britain. which employ 3.910 people, the British Field Sports Society says. The British Equestrian ade Association estimates that hunting supports a fur-ther 9,000 jobs in ancillary trades. An additional 1,000 jobs could be lost by hotels and garages that derive much of their winter custom from people taking part in hunts and by businesses that supply and maintain horseboxes.

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Lloyd Webber fears big musical show is over

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By CAROL MIDGLEY AND JON ASHWORTH. AND TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE composer with the Midas touch, Andrew Lloyd Webber, admitted that the golden days of the musical may be over yesterday as he forecast losses of up to £10 million for his Really Useful

The man who wrote the music for box office giants such as Cats, Phantom of the Opera and Starlight Express said that no longer were there a large profits to be made from the big stage musical.

Rising backstage costs combined with a growing public taste for smaller scale productions have been cited as reasons for the change of fortune. But some critics suggest that the conventional Lloyd-Webber production may be falling out of fashion. "The big question is, can he write another musical to equal the success of Cats?" said one critic yesterday. "Tastes are changing and he might have seen his salad days."

Lord Lloyd-Webber, who until two weeks ago had never set foot in the Covent Garden offices of Really Useful, has moved in as chairman. In January the company parted with 18 members of staff and last month Patrick McKenna. the chairman and chief execu-

"We live in parlous times for musicals." Lord Lloyd-Webber said in an interview published yesterday. Whistle Down the Wind shis show in Washington DC will be an acid test. Because shows like Phantom have been huge there has been a belief among people doing budgets that there is fat in musicals. For a new show there is none."

He had earlier said: "Backstage costs in London and New York have now reached really dangerous levels. I have a feeling that the day of the big musical is ending and that, although Cais. Les Miserables, and Phantom will be with us for a long time to come, they may be the first and last of their kind." The full extent of Really



Lloyd Webber: group is facing £10m losses

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Lord Lloyd-Webber has made a fortune out of the worldwide success of long-running shows such as Cats and Phantom of the Opera but the signs now are that public tastes are changing

Useful's loss has yet to be seen. The group's profits have been on a downward curve, but to plunge to a £10 million loss would suggest a setback of catastrophic proportions. Lord Lloyd-Webber's advisers struggled to avoid portraying it as such yesterday. A spokes-man said: "It could be more, it could be less, but clearly it's

going to be bad." Furmed in 1977, Really Useful was floated on the Stock Exchange in 1986, but went private again after just four years. The company has enjoyed spectacular growth, seeing pre-tax profits rise from £5 million to £46 million between 1989 and 1994, but its fortunes have since declined.

Sunset Boulevard was not a financial success - the "mansion" for the Broadway show cost \$4.5 million - while further substantial sums were wrapped up in Whistle Down The Wind, which opened to poor reviews, and was pulled before it could transfer to Broadway. Lord Lloyd-Webber has said he might not bring the show to London.

Matt Wolf, London theatre critic for Variety magazine, said that Lord Lloyd-Webber had not had a US smash hit since 1988 with Phantom. "The huge success that big musicals enjoyed in the Eighties was due to a particular appetite at a particular time, a time of conspicuous consumption, and it will never come again. Smaller musicals may vhether it is the future for

The latest chill winds from London, however, seem not to have reached Lord Lloyd-Webber's New York camp. where celebrations are under way for Thursday's gala performance of Cats. The musical will then become the longestrunning show in Broadway history, its 6.138th consecutive performance pushing it ahead of A Chorus Line. Perer Brown, the composer's

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spokesman in New York, said: "Broadway is still Lloydceding that Really Useful had incurred big losses he was confident that it would be "in the black" next year.

A close friend of Lord Lloyd-

"Andrew tends to dramatise things. A more cautious man would not have made so much about those losses in public. We all know that the theatre runs in phases. You're up one day, and then down the

Webber in New York said: next, just like the curtain." Benedict Nightingale, The Times's theatre critic compared the soft style of Lloyd-Webber with , successful musical running on Broadway that focuses on the street people of the Lower East

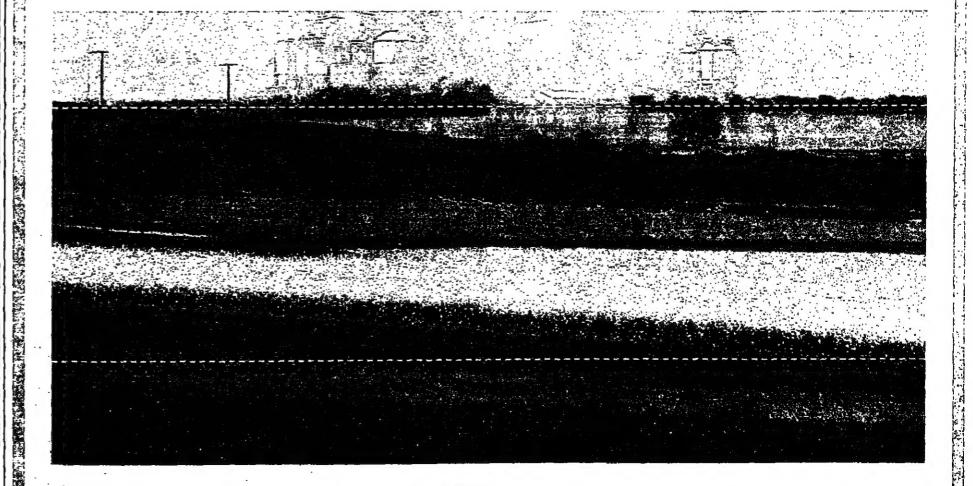
rough and tough musical and if that is what people's tastes are moving towards then our Puccini may be seen to be a bit passè. He can still write beautiful songs: the question

side. He said: "It is a harsh, for the next millennium?" But the author and critic Sheridan Morley said it was not that Lord Lloyd-Webber was old fashioned but that the public had rejected the musical in recent months. "There

died this year which are all different and all very good. It is easy to say Andrew's productions are tired and old fashioned but Whistle Down the Wind is a very raw, brave and adventurous and it still



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Mary Blake, 50, wounded at Dunblane, receives a Commendation for Bravery; Marcus and Karen Hilton, ballroom partners, are appointed MBEs; and the writer and comedienne Victoria Wood is appointed OBE

Bravery awards honour three Dunblane teachers

THE three Dunblane teachers children from Thomas Hamilton's bullets were today awarded the Queen's Com-When Mrs Harrild, who

mendation for Bravery. Gwen Mayor, 45, who died with to primary school pupils in the massacre last March, was named with Eileen Harrild, 44, a PE teacher, and Mary Blake, 50, a special needs teacher, who both sur-The honours were revealed

15 months to the day after the shootings and in the week in which the Government banned all handguns. Because of their injuries in the attack on a class of 28 five and six years olds, neither Mrs Harrild nor Mrs Blake have returned to work and are still receiving treatment. They said yesterday that they were proud and delighted to have been honoured, but at the same time filled with deep sadness at the way their awards had come about.

Mrs Mayor, the class teach-

Her injuries were consistent with attempting to shield the children in her care. Her husband, Rodney Mayor, will receive the award on her

was shot four times in the arms and chest, last met the Queen she was lying in hospital, numbed by the loss of the children and her colleague. Yesterday, speaking about the day in July that she will meet the Queen again to receive her award at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, she said: "It will be very poignant because of why we are there.

"Gwen and the children will never be far from our thoughts. We will never, ever forget what happened in the gym that day, or the innocent children who lost their lives. It is so sad that Gwen will not be there to receive her award. and while we are all extremely proud, it will also be a very emotional occasion."

She said that she felt her award recognised the bravery of all those who survived:

That includes the children who survived, particularly due to what Mary and I did. It is nice that people recognise that. There are people living who are surviving every day

Mrs Blake was shot four times in both legs and the head. She managed to crawl away from Hamilton, follow-ing Mrs Harrild and a few dazed and injured children to an open store area in the corner of the gym.

The two teachers could hear

the other children wailing and crying. They attempted to pull gym mats over the young pupils to protect them and then put their fingers to their lips to keep them quiet.

Yesterday Mrs Blake said: "I had no idea we would even be considered for something like this. So when I found out about ten days ago, i just started to cry. I was very emotional and the tears were streaming down my face. I felt very honoured and delighted but at the same time I was very sad for the reasons I was receiving it."

Among other heroes honoured today is a search-and-rescue helicopter winchman. Friedrich Manson, 34, from the Shetland Isles, helped 56 seamen to safety from a stricken ship aground on rocks during an early morning winter storm in 1993.

He receives the Queen's Commendation for Bravery in the Air for winching the seamen to safety in darkness. despite being waist-deep in water and lashed by rain being driven by 60mph winds. Mr Manson, who has since

taken up fish farming, said: "I

miss the job, but during the rescue that morning I realised how near to death I had got." Two members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary receive the Queen's Commendation for Bravery. Constable William Houston, 43, wrestled with a gunman during a raid at a building society in Ballymoney. Co Antrim. Two men were arrested and jailed.

Constable Stevie Lowey, 24, is being rewarded for an act of bravery which, for security reasons, is being kept secret.



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MBE for silent keeper of. Prime Ministers' secrets

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BOB JORDAN, the doorkeeper at 10 Downing Street, has kept a vow of silence during the decade in which he has witnessed prime ministe-rial emotions hidden from the public gaze.

He was rewarded for his loyalty yesterday by being appointed MBE for his service to the three Prime Ministers he has greeted thousands of times. Among the low points that Mr Jordan. 65, witnessed were Margaret Thatcher's grief on being forced to step down from office and John Major's frustration at having to poll Britain out of the ERM.

Tony Blair, grappling with the furore yesterday over the future of the NHS, might ruefully agree with his doorkeeper's verdict on the post. "I wouldn't do that lob for all the tea in China," Mr Jordan said. They have a hell of a job and I admire them all for

the way they handle it." He admits that on occasion he has needed to use tact when political enemies have come and gone through the famous front door, "We have

reception room sometimes to make sure they don't meet up," he said. Mr Jordan, who retires in

October, heads a list of awardwinners who rarely feature prominently in public but have benefited under the "classless" honours system set up by John Major. Richard McMillan.

Highland council roadman, has achieved a reputation for his unstinting work in keeping immaculate the verges of the A82 from Douchfour to Drumnadrochit, near Inverness. His painstaking efforts have now been recognised by his appointment as MBE.

James Kinnin, coxswain on the Isle of Man's Ramsey lifeboat, is similarly honoured for his 26 years of fearless work, during which 80 lives have been saved.

Janice Finestone, a school cleaner, abandoned the comfort of seaside life in Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire, is appointed MBE for her humanitarian work in Creatia. She turned her modest flat into a collection point for masses of medical equipment, building

oversaw their distribution in the former Yugoslavia. Trevor Baylis, 60, the inventor of clockwork radio. a wind-up device developed for use in the Third World, is appointed OBE. He said Broad colour art, Sta

from his home in Twickenham, southwest London, that he was overwhelmed. "Until four or five years ago I was just the nutcase at the end of the garden, inventing gizmos

Mr Baylis now hopes to use his new-found status to push through plans for a Royal Academy of Inventors: "I don't want anyone else to go through the rejections that I

☐ The Queen has bestowed 43 honours in her personal gift, the Royal Victorian Order, John "Jimmy" James, secretary and keeper of records at the Duchy of Corn-wall, and Richard Thornton, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. are appointed knight commanders. Stephen Cox, director-general Commonwealth Institute, and the Earl of Home, become

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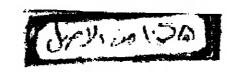
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DAVID HOCKNEY, Donald Sinden and Cleo Laine are among the leading figures from the arts and entertainment world to receive honours.

Hockney becomes a Companion of Honour, at 59 finally casting off his *enfant terrible* tag. The artist who lives in California and maintains strong links with his home town of Bradford, said vesterday that the award "will please a lot of people and that pleases me. If it annoys some people, that'll please me."

Hockney is perhaps bestknown for images such as A Bigger Splash, his 1967 vibrant image of a splash made by an unseen diver.

Donald Sinden, 73, receives a knighthood for a career on the stage and in films and television spanning more than

He enlisted his grandson to break the news to his family

hadn't even told my wife Diana, who was abroad when the letter came. Last night I called the family together and Henry read out the letter. We had dinner in the Garrick to celebrate and had to pretend it was for Diana's birthday."

Sir Donald, whose son Jeremy died of cancer last year, recently returned to the Coliseum for a revival of the ENO production of Ariadne on Naxos, in which he has a speaking role.

The jazz singer Cleo Laine, who becomes a dame, said: "I am deeply honoured. But it is British jazz that should have received the accolade for its service to me."

Dame Cleo continues to tour with her husband John Dankworth, who has been a leading figure in British jazz for 50 years. They both reach their 70th birthdays this year. The much-loved writer and

who is appointed OBE, is touring in her one-woman show. Victoria Wood Live. In a statement, she said, with typically self-deprecating hu-mour: "I am very glad my many years as a follipop lady have finally been recognised." There is a knighthood for

the conductor Roger Norrington, who has pioneered the "shock of the old", with period instruments. He performs works in a style that he has found to be closer to the composer's intentions than that long heard in concert halls, his approach involving faster tempi. He saw the knighthood "as a symbol of how much my kind of music is moving centrestage now. It's rather agreeable."

Sir Roger, associate chief guest conductor with the London Philharmonic Orchestra as well as musical director of the London Classical Play-



The designer Zandra Rhodes is appointed CBE; the actor Donald Sinden receives a knighthood

London, has performed many previously unknown works as well as concerts of "music we thought we knew".

There is also a knighthood for Tom Stoppard, the prolific playwright, whose philosophical comedies have been winning accolades ever since Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead was first staged at the National Theatre 30 years ago.

The animator Nick Park, who created Wallace and Gromit, is appointed OBE. Park, 39, whose work has won three Oscars. I would never sional champions, are an-

years," he said. "I have just been doing what I enjoy doing. and people keep wanting to

Zandra Rhodes, for three decades one of Britain's most innovative fashion designers, is appointed CBE. Fans of her dramatic clothes and outsize jewellery over the past 30 years include Diana, Princess of Wales.

Marcus Hilton, 36, and his wife Karen, 35, of Rochdale, who have been ballroom partners for nearly 20 years and are seven times world profes-

Cowdrey sent to the other Lords

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

SIR Colin Cowdrey today becomes the first Briton to have received a life peerage exclusively for his services to

The former Kent and England captain, who scored 7,624 runs in 114 Tests for England, gains his elevation for his work as chairman of International Cricket Council from 1989 to 1993. He also chaired the Downing Street Sports Ambassadors project set up by John Major.

Cowdrey is the first cricketer to become a peer since the late Learie Constantine, the West Indian all-rounder, who was also a successful lawyer and high commissioner, received the award in 1970.

Mike Atherton, the current England captain, is appointed an OBE, only six days after England's momentous victory in the first Test against Australia, while knighthoods go to Peter O'Sullevan, the BBC racing commentator, and Chay Blyth, the yachtsman.

O'Sulfevan, 79, was unable to celebrate with a drink vesterdav because he was resting in bed, with a "relaxed throat", while learning the colours of the jockeys for his 50th Royal Ascot. which begins on Tuesday. Yesterday ne was unable to travel to York for the race meeting.

to take it easy by the doctor and am taking anti-biotics so can't have any alcohol. It is is most unexciting. But it does not dilute the honour at all." Blyth first made history when he rowed the North Atlantic with Captain John

He said: "I have been told

Ridgway in 1966. Four years later, he sailed non-stop around the world against the prevailing winds. Speaking from Boston, in

the United States, where he is heading the organisation of the BT Global Challenge race. Blyth, 57, said: "There is a dream about this because of my working-class background. My father, after all, was a railwayman. A knighthood will get a lot of getting used to. I am very, very excited. It is a tribute to all my sailing staff. The honour is the result of a team effort."

John Woodcock, page 48

Efficiency watchdog is life peer

SIR Peter Levene, the man who saved the Government more than £700 million a year by cutting waste in Whitehall, today becomes a life peer (writes Valerie Ellion).

Spotted by Michael

Heseltine when he was

Defence Secretary. Sir Peter, 56, has since held a number of government and senior business posts. Until the election, however, he was the Prime Minister's adviser on effici-

ency and effectiveness and set up a powerful team at the heart of Government to audit other departments. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, have recognised the value

of the efficiency unit and it has already been enlisted to identify more savings. Sir Peter, who is married with three children, is a former chairman of London Docklands Light Railway and a former chairman and chief executive of Canary Wharf, and

now works as an adviser to

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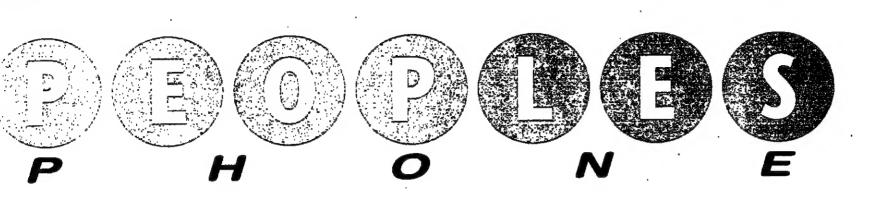
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Blair tries to limit damage in row over NHS charges

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister yesterday dismissed as "overblown" the row that erupted after Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said charges would be part of a review of the NHS. But Alastair Darling. Treasury Chief Secretary, refused to rule out the idea.

Tony Blair said: "Of course we have to look at ways to get value for money, but we will not do anything which is against the principle of the NHS or our manifesto. We want to repair the NHS after years of Conservative damage. not undermine it."

Mr Darling, who is in

things would mean that, be-

He said he understood why people would make "ludinents are quickly slipping into the key point is that one take this fundamental look.

ciple of the NHS that healthpoint of use." He said that journalists had floated the idea of charging for services: these were "simply scare stories and the Government will have no truck with them".

were committed to the NHS."

The party's manifesto included a commitment to the "historic" NHS principle that access would be based only on need, not ability to pay, Mr Dorrell said. Two months later they have shown this commitment to be worthless. It is no defence to talk about thinking the unthinkable."

Democrat spokesman, said: "Some of us fought the election honestly, admitting that the NHS was desperately short of money, and proposed how could be raised. It is crazy now for the Labour Government to that higher public expenditure

be unfair and inefficient."

Philip Hunt, the NHS Confederation chief executive, said there was a financial crisis. "It seems the public want restructuring, but are reluctant to pay for it through taxation."

charge of policing the budget, said the review would pinpoint how money could be spent more wisely. The review is about long-term planning into the next Parliament. To start excluding fore too long, you would end up reviewing nothing."

crous" predictions: "Our oppothe ways of Opposition. But government, one day, had to We are not going to shrink

from that task. To shrink from it would be irresponsible."

Mr Dobson, who ordered the review this week after finding that the NHS is more than £300 million in debt. insisted yesterday that its aim was to identify savings and the best use of resources. There is no question of the Government doing anything to breach the fundamental princare will be available to all, according to need, free at the

Explaining why he would rule nothing out of the review, Mr Dobson said: "I tried to be truthful and I said we areruling nothing out. We are looking to every aspect so we can get the health service finances on an even keel and get through the pressures of this coming winter. We are going to look at charges, but it may be that some charges will be reduced or

Stephen Dorrell, the Conservative former Health Secretary, said in a statement: "Labour's consideration of NHS charges is a great be-trayal of the British electorate who believed that Labour

Simon Hughes, the Liberal substantial sums of money imply that higher charges may be introduced, but to say will be ruled out."

Dr Sandy Macara, chair-man of the British Medical Association, said the policy that the NHS should be funded from taxation and free at the point of use was the fairest and most efficient way of financing the service. "To introduce more charges would

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Nurses in the accident and emergency department at Northwick Park Hospital, where patients are often treated on trolleys in busy corridors

Hospital warns Dobson of impending crisis

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NURSES treat burns and a letter to the British Medical broken bones on trolleys in overcrowded corridors. Doctors cannot get state-of-the-art drugs. Elderly patients linger in bed after treatment as families and social services

Conditions at the Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, northwest London, bear witness to the chronic underfunding in the health service which led doctors at the Northwick Park and St Mark's Hospital NHS Trust to give a warning to Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, of an impending crisis in

refuse to collect them. Opera-

tions are routinely cancelled

because of a lack of beds.

of the nearby Edgware General Hospital in April.

Journal yesterday. Sarah Turley, the accident James Thomson, a consuland emergency manager, said that corridors full of trolleys tant surgeon, said the rise in emergency admissions had forced him to cancel nonused for her patients were symptomatic of problems operations at his colorectal clinic. "A lot of our which threatened to overrun both the hospital and the patients have mechanical NHS. "We are getting more problems with their bowels, which don't need emergency don't have enough cubicles to treatment but are extremely treat them in privacy."

inpleasant." he said. Chris McCullogh, the hos-Accident and emergency pital's clinical director for attendances have risen 10 per orthopaedics, said elderly pa-tients often stayed in hospital cent this year, on top of a 7 per cent increase last year; emergency admissions are up 28 after treatment was complete because families and social per cent in 18 months. The services were unwilling or hospital expects further inunable to care for them. Mr

Professor Richards McCullogh said that 10 per cent of his beds were usually blocked in this way. Jonathan Levi, clinical di-

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Dr Levi said the health service needed reforms that would allow money to follow patients. "The hospitals which treat most people should get the most money," he said. Professor Peter Richards,

local health authority paid a

flat amount to cover emergen-

cy admissions, which did not

take account of the numbers

treated. He added that it had

also refused to pay for a new heart drug because, at £14.500

per life saved, it was too

expensive.

the medical director, said: We cannot provide proper services if we have to find a 2 to 3 per cent saving every year. What I would really like to see is a tax increase ring-fenced





Figuring out the financial sickness

BY IAN MURRAY

THE lotal annual budget for the NHS is now nearly £42 billion, equivalent to £1.700 for every household in the country. All but 6 per cent of the mone comes from direct taxation, as income tax or National Insurance contributions. The rist comes from prescrip-tion charges and fees to NHS by freezing the money ear-marked for the latest batch of dentists and opticians.

Treatments rose by more than 10 per cent between 1990 and 196 to 11.2 million. Waiting Ists have reached an all-time high at 1.1 million. The number waiting for more than year is also rising. Becs were cut from 335,000

to 212,000 between 1984 and

1995 yet the number of pa-With almost a million people on the payroll the NHS is one of the largest employers in the world. The wage bill comes to £76 million a day. At the end of the last financial year 49 out of the 100 health authorities and 125 of the 425

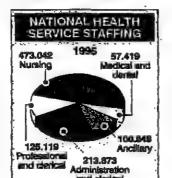
NHS trusts were in debt to a

total of £301 million. National-

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The NHS spends £4 billion

a year on drugs and £500 mil-

lion on buying care from the

private sector. Mr Dobson is

keen to cut these figures. He

has already saved £20 million

fundholding doctors. He has

demanded managers make

£80 million in savings on bu-

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Whitby takes fright at the spectre of a Dracula invasion

going to sacrifice children on

an altar. I am 100 per cent

Church of England, I'm com-

pletely against drugs and I've

never sucked blood in my life.

Nosferatu film and I was

hooked. It is not unusual to

have a baddie who is an anti-

hero, but who you have some

feelings for. Dracula is a sad,

lonely figure. Very charismat-

ic, very charming, but also

very dangerous.

What we certainly do not

do is encourage drug-taking or the occult. Our gatherings

bring money into the town

and add a bit of colour - well.

a bit of black and white

anyway."
Kevin Barrand, Whithy's

chief resorts officer, did not expect trouble: "On the whole

I think they will be welcomed

because they bring trade into

the town. Certainly I won't be

walking around with a cruci-

fix, wooden stake and garlic."

"As a child I remember seeing the original 1920s

FOLLOWERS of Count Dracula gathered in Whitby yesterday for a disputed centenary celebration of Bram Stoker's Victorian Gothic hor-

While the Dracula Experience Society insists it is the anniversary of the novel it is marking, others in the North Yorkshire resort and fishing port lear that an interest in the Prince of Darkness is a short step to drugs and the occult. The town's tourist trade has benefitted from its setting as the place where the Transylvanian vampire first set foot in Britain, coming ashore in the shape of a great black dog from the storm-tossed wreck

of his ship.

But Dorothy Clegg, a local
gift shop owner and councillor, said yesterday: "Beneath the surface there is something to worry about, something sinister. I have seen their mail order lists and magazines which have been left around the town and some are almost pornographic and an invitation to Satanism."

Dracula fans from the United States and Europe have travelled to Whitby. Styling themselves as "Goths", they dress in black, wear silver jewellery, white face-powder and dark eyeliner. Mrs Clegg said: "Bram Stoker's Dracula was the best Victorian guidebook to Whitby ever written.

Christopher Lee, the

but people must remember it is only a book and that it was the spirit of good and the belief in God that triumphed. I am not saying we should ban this and I'm not sure it is good for Whitby's reputation."

Stoker visited Whitby to gather material for his book, which astounded Victorian to it, including the clifftop graveyard of St Mary's Church where the count seized his first victim, the innocent

Attempts earlier this year by the Dracula Experience Soci-199 steps from the town to the churchyard were sharply re-buffed by the Rector of Whitby, the Rev Michael Aisbitt, and his curate, Graham Taylor. Mr Aisbitt has been invited to the weekend's events, which include drama, music, dance and art. As well as bands with names such as Vlad. Dust to Dust and Thir-Candles, there are Dracula film clips and talks by cast members from the Hammer films which popularised the legend.

A highlight is a performance of Dracula's seduction Ballet Theatre. The rector, concentrate on Whitby's links with Captain Cook, the pilgrims St Hilda and Caedmon and William Scoresby, the inventor of the crow's nest. was rejuctant to comment. "I have more important things to get on with," he said.

Earlier he had criticised the legend as a negative influence on young people and the novel it seems harmless fun. dressing up and enjoying a particuunderneath I think there is a

Phil Bestford, 30, a Whitby artist who helped organise the weekend, said: "We wanted to walk to the graveyard and sit there for some quiet reflection, but they reacted as if we were



Members of the Dracula society gathering in Whitby for the centenary celebrations, with St Mary's Church and the 199 steps behind

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Clown carries on despite knife hit

By Mark Henderson

A CLOWN known as Joe Fool carried on with his act after being hit in the armpit by a blade from the circus's novice

Robin French, 49. who has been a clown for 22 years, changed into a dark shirt to hide the blood and performed an accohatic show for nearly 112 hours when he was struck by the Foolhardy Folk Circus's knife-thrower. Tony 'Slasher" Hickson.

Only when the show was over did he allow his colleagues to take him to hospital, where he had six stitches. The blade missed a major artery by two inches, as well as a cluster of nerves that could have left his arm paralysed had they been severed.

The accident happened ten minutes into the show, in Norwich on Wednesday, when Mr Hickson had to throw nine nine-inch blades to hit a hody-shaped target surrounding Mr French. The audience gasped as the fifth knife hit Mr French just below the shoulder, but he laughed and passed it off as part of the show. Mr French, who has

trained as a Buddhist monk, said he had been hit before by

knives bouncing off the target board but not by a direct hit. He said: "The blade went into my body, aithough fortunately it did not stick in. It did not hurt much at the time and I carried on as if nothing had happened. But five minutes later when I was sitting down I realised there was a sticky wet feeling under my arm."

Although the pain got worse, Mr French was determined to continue his act. "It is very much in the circus tradition that the show has to go on and you have to continue if you are hurt."

Cosmo Harley, the circus owner, said he had patched the clown up with a bandage at the interval but Mr French had refused to go to hospital until the show was over. "Joe

is a true professional for carrying on. he said. Mr Hickson. 27, took up knife-throwing last year and joined the circus last month. He is also a fire-eater and trapeze artist. He said: "I am a relative beginner but I throw hundreds of knives in practice every day and this is the first time I have hit cone. It is lucky for Robin that I had not sharpened my knives for a few days.

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Ineffective preachers must strive to rediscover voice

PREACHING is too often ineffective, poorly prepared and mediocre. Nearly 75,000 sermons are preached each week but declining church attendance means they are irrelevant to most people, a

SMIN THE WAY

report published today says. Michael Quicke, principal of the Baptists' Spurgeon theological college in southeast London, says supporters of preaching are proclaiming louder than ever that it remains vital for the next millennium. "For some, the only thing wrong with contempo-

rary preaching is the lack of thought and energy from today's preachers," he says in the June fellowship paper of the College of Preachers.

But in contrast, there was a wide and voluble range of critics who believe preaching is in severe crisis and who question the act of preaching itself. "All is far from well," he says, arguing that preaching is under pressure in turbulent

Dr Quicke concedes that it is unfair to blame declining church attendance - 89 per

cent of the population no ing stuck in the 1960s. Others longer attends church - on say preaching is of pagan ineffectual preaching. There origin and can be damaging to was a tide of apathy among a congregation because of a people. Yet, because of its preacher's egotism. primary importance for com-But Dr Quicke says preaching still has a place, as long as municating gospel truths and shaping communities, preach-

preachers are willing to ing does stand in the dock change. "As we approach this next millennium, it is essential accused of ineffectiveness," he for preachers to stand under Some commentators have the Word of God, believe that God still speaks through what argued that changes in modern worship, such as the He has already spoken," he growth of the charismatic says. "There is more to God's movement and in pastoral words than words. It is the counselling, have left preach-Holy Spirit who enables the preacher to speak with spiritual effectiveness."

His paper is published as The Times and the College of Preachers announce today the 30 preachers shortlisted in the 1997 Preacher of the Year Award. Five will go forward to a final in a "festival of preaching at Durham Cathedral on November 12.

Ernie Rea, head of religious broadcasting at the BBC, who will be judging the final along with Joan Bakewell and a panel of eminent preachers. said: "I have heard hundreds of sermons, most of them very



Joan Bakewell, one of the Preacher of the Year judges

immemorable. There has been a decline, and that is because the preacher's expectations of what he or she is going to accomplish have declined." The sermons of the 30 shortlisted preachers will be published in November by Cassell in The Times Best

year's winning sermon by Father William Anderson of Aberdeen. The winning preacher will receive a specially commissioned sculpture, and there will be awards for runners-up.

The marriage season is of Christian love is selfcoming in and, at busy giving - the sacrifice self-exemplified in Christ's life, churches, ciergy will have as many as three or four death and resurrection. The weddings an afternoon, Choristers will be taking marriage service picks this up in the promise to be committed "for better for bets on how late the bride will arrive; best men will be worse, for richer for poorer, trying to think of jokes that in sickness and in health". This is the love which won't upset auntie; bridesmaids will be blushing, suffereth long, is not boastful or puffed up. is patient, jittering, photographers kind and truthful - the flattering and chauffeurs cursing the traffic. Who

says that marriage is going out of fashion? I once married a bride who couldn't get her tongue around the words of the vows. Instead of "to love and to cherish" she kept saying, "to love and to tweasure". It happened first at the rehearsal. "Look, why not think of cherries," I said. "Just say to love and to cherry, then add a little 'sh' on the end, like this: to love and to cherry . . . sh.

mothers fussing, grooms

Next day when she arrived at the church door with her father, she said: "I've been practising, and I've got it now - to love and to cherry . . . sh."

"Marvellous," I said. So we reach the dreaded moment, and I say in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish", and she says, "to love and to tweasure - Oh my gawd. I've done it again." Immediately the service

became rooted in reality and she'd made a point better than many a sermon could have done. Jesus said that, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Treasuring your partner is the key

to any relation-ship. Marriage is above all else a celebration of love — the essence of Christianity and of God. So a marriage where two people genuinely believe that their vows are made to one another in the presence of God symbolises the pres-

ence of God, and maybe actually makes God The major characteristic kind capable of survival. But there is another aspect of God emphasised in

the service - God the creator. One of the modern prayers says of God: "You allow us to share in your work of creation." Christians believe that creation is the natural consequence of God's love, and that creativity can be the result of human love as well. In the wedding context this refers to the gift of children -"procreation" as the Prayer Book puts it. But the point is more wide-reaching than that. I have often argued that, when an artist sees beauty in ordinary things and successfully reveals them to whoever views his paintings, this is an act of

love and creativity. But in addition to having children, love in a relationship is creative in many other ways. In personal growth, for example, increasing bappiness, in de-

veloping shape and purpose in life, and making a contribution to the community, not to mention the resource that can transform disappointment and tragedy into something positive and hopeful. Love is a natural nism that assists

inevitable rows, rather like the clotting of blood enables wounds to heal.

St Paul was surely right to observe that finally three values remain: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love.

☐ The Rev Brian Mountford is vicar of the Univer-sity Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

THE SHORTLIST

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Israel links land sale murders to Palestinian agents

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

FOUR Palestinian security agents have been charged by an Israeli court in connection with the spate of murders of Palestinian land agents suspected of dealing with Jews. the first move of its kind since the killings began last month.

According to the Tel Aviv daily Yediot Aharonot, four members of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service were charged earlier this week by a Jerusalem district court with the kidnapping of Farid Bashin, 70, of east Jerusalem, the first of three land merchants so far murdered.

The decision to go ahead with legal proceedings came despite denials by Yassir Arafat's Palestinian Authority of any involvement in the gangland-style killings, which began after Freih Abu Medein, the Palestinian Justice Minister, issued an order that an old Jordan law decreeing capital punishment for any Arab selling property to

Jews was to be revived. In the face of widespread international condemnation and a threat by the United States to withdraw vital funding from the Palestinian Authority, Mr Arafat attempted to distance himself from the new policy. But Western intelligence sources familiar with the working of the Palestinian security services dismissed his

Mr Bashiti's killing on May 9 was widely seen as a deliberate example to other Palestinians dealing in land

sales with Jews. With his mouth taped, his hands tied behind his back and skull crushed by a blunt instrument, he was found dumped in the West Bank town of Ramallah, now under Palestinian self-rule.

The indictment submitted by Irit Abulafia, the Israeli attorney, claimed that in April Hussam Moeta, one of the four agents charged, ordered Nadia Dabash, the one woman in the case, also now charged, to compile information about Bashiti.

Although secrecy has surrounded the court proceed-ings, Ms Dabash, 33, fainted when she made her original appearance in court last month before charges were deliberately luring Bashiti

US criticised on Jerusalem

Geneva: King Hussein of House of Representatives motion seeking President Clinton's reaffirmation of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital, saying it somewhat undermined the American role in Middle East peace efforts. Speaking to reporters here the King called on Larael to halt its "policies of settlement, land confiscation and demographic mani-pulation". (Reuter)

from the Ambassador Hotel in east Jerusalem to Ramaliah.

Referring to the brutal killing of Bashiti, whose body was later prevented for nearly two weeks from being buried by order of the leading Palestin-ian Muslim cleric who brand-ed him as an "infidel", the Israeli Foreign Ministry said: This murder should be viewed within the context of a recent Palestinian Council decision invoking the death penalty against anyone who sells

According to the charge sheet. Ms Dabash travelled with Bashiti from Jerusalem to Ramallah to meet a supposed purchaser of a piece of land he had for sale. "The real intention," the Yediot reported, "was to kidnap Bashiti and bring him to Ramallah."

Waiting in a Ramallah restaurant posing as a representative of the potential buyer was Abdal-Karem Jit, another of the four Palestinian agents now charged, who asked that the meeting be held at his home. The indictment said that Ms Dabash and Bashiti got into Mr Jit's car and drove straight to Palestinian security headquarters in Ramallah. A few hours after the kidnapping, the land agent's body was discovered.

☐ Fraud case: Israel's High Court will rule tomorrow on demands by opposition legislators that Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, be indicted for fraud and breach



A demolition crane yesterday knocks down Yassir Arafat's former residence in Beirut which was wrecked by an Israeli bomb during the siege of Palestinian guerrillas in 1982. Scores of residents were killed minutes after Mr Arafat had left the building

Turkish coalition leader agrees to power swap

Ankara: Necmettin Erbakan, the Islamic Prime Minister of Turkey, last night agreed to hand over power to his secular coalition partner, but the move may not satisfy powerful generals who are opposed to the Muslim faction in the

Mr Erbakan consented to leave his post to Tansu Ciller, the Deputy Prime Minister, who leads the centre-right True Path party, after she threatened to quit the H-month-old coalition. Mrs Ciller insisted on the power swap in an effort to appease the military, but the government manoeuvre is a cosmetic change since Mr Erbakan's Islamic Welfare will keep key Cabinet positions. (AP)

58 die in Delhi cinema fire

Delhi: Fifty-eight people were killed by a fire at a packed cinema in the Indian capital. Tejinder Khanna, the lieutenant-governor of Delhi, said the blaze started when an electrical transformer collapsed and set fire to dozens of cars parked in the process of cars. parked in the cinema's basement. Most of the dead were thought to have been sitting upstairs in the box and balcony sections, from where escape was hardest, one fireman said. Most of those in the stalls were able to get out. One witness said: "I saw women with children in their arms breaking windows and jumping out." (Reuter)

Swiss 'hold torture papers'

Judicial authorities in Switzerland have confirmed the existence in their country of secret bank accounts and safety deposit lockers possibly containing the records of Argentine military officers accused of torture and killing political opponents during the 1974-1982 dictatorship (Gabriella Gamini writes). Human rights groups say the deposit boxes could contain the military archives, with valuable information about what happened to more than 10,000 people who disappeared in the clandestine torture camps.

Kinshasa massacres claim

Kinshasa: More than 640 people were killed in Kinshasa late in May during the rebel takeover of the then Zairean capital, the local Association for the Defence of Human Rights said. The group said massacres took place when rebels loyal to Laurent Kabila took control of the city. The association listed communal graves where a total of 647 bodies were buried between May 19 and 28 in and around Kinshasa. Most of the victims were members of the Zairean armed forces and looters as well as innocent civilians. (AFP)

Second marriage for Shultz

New York: George Shultz, right, 76, the former US Secretary of State whose wife, Helena Maria, died in 1995, is to marry again (Tunku Varadarajan writes). His bride on August 15 will be Charlotte Maillard Swig, 63, the chief of protocol for San Francisco City Hall. The twice-widowed hostess, who has considerable private wealth, is known for her elegance and repartee. They met at Stanford University, where he is a fellow.



Creepy dish costs \$600,000

Charlotte: A North Carolina jury awarded more than \$600,000 (£353,000) to Darlene Henderson, who said she unwittingly ate half a cockroach at a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Orangeburg, though its management said she planted it. The jury had docked her award by 10 per cent for negligence in not looking at what she was eating. (AFP).

America puts the sparkle back in first Star Spangled Banner

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A TEAM of experts is launching a \$15 million (£9 million) project to rescue the decaying remains of the oldest and most cherished of America's national icons, the original Star-Spangled Banner that inspired its national anthem.

The vast flag which flew, in defiance of a British assault, above Fort McHenry in Baltimore in September 1814 and whose broad stripes and bright stars stirred Francis Scott Key to write his famous poem, is gradually fading to fragments and dust.

But now, with the assistance of dozens of historians, chemists and conservators. including Sheila Landi, the former textile specialist at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington is hoping to prolong the life of the 300lb, four-storey-high national

More perhaps than for many other countries, the American flag represents a sense of identity for the entire United States population. Hundreds of citizens and visitors stream past the banner every minute in the National Museum of American history in Washington.

Even as the country was preparing to celebrate its national flag day today, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to protect the Stars and Stripes from "physical desecration": the act of protest flagburning that conservatives have long viewed as a sign of unpatriotic

The Smithsonian team plans to

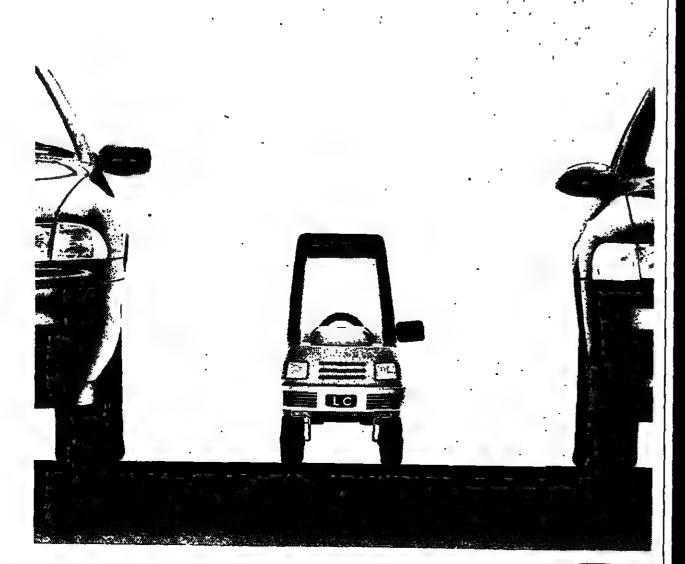
place it in an environmentally controlled atmosphere under seven tonnes of glass. In the past, conservators have used such glass cases for historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence, but no one has ever produced one the size of

a small building. "It is still in the developmental stage, but we are looking at a monumental task to try to stabilise the environment around the flag," Suzanne Thormassen-Krauss, the

study the 184-year-old flag in a Smithsonian's senior textile conser-specially built room and possibly vator, said. But it is a project which vator, said. "But it is a project which I think will mean a lot to Americans." She added: "The flag is not only associated with our national anthem; it also represents a time when we first saw ourselves as a

The Star Spangled Banner, with its faded patches and still mysterious red V on one of the stripes, was stitched by Mary Pickersgill and her teenage daughter Caroline on the floor of a malthouse in Baltimore in

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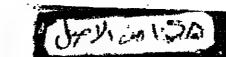


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Bad week for Britain in Albania as chief election organiser storms out

FROM TOM WALKER IN TERANA

THE TIMES SATURDAY JUNE 14 1997

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THE British official in charge of the international community's assistance to the Albanian elections stormed out of the country yesterday, accusing the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, from which he had just resigned, of "absolute and complete lies".

Brian Pridham is the second Briton to leave Albania in cloudy circumstances this week hard on

the heels of the British Embassy's
Second Secretary, Geoffrey Briggs,
concerned at the undemocratic Second Secretary, Geoffrey Briggs, who was stabbed on Monday and flown out to Italy.

Mr Pridham left less dramatically, taking the afternoon flight to Vienna, OSCE headquarters, which is assisting and monitoring the Albanian elections due at the end of the month. The organisation's office in Tirana has insisted Mr Pridham resigned "for personal reasons", but sources in the organisation confirmed yesterday that he felt he was undermined

and violent climate in which the elections are being held.

"The first one was stabbed in the front and the second in the back," reflected a diplomatic source on what has been a bad week for Britain in the Albanian capital.

They are absolute and complete lies to say that I resigned for personal reasons. Do you think I am mad?" said an irste Mr Pridham at Tirana airport's VIP gate. "It is for deeply professional

isation's spokeswoman in Vienna, Melissa Fleming, insisted: "Mr Pridham has left us for personal

As with Mr Briggs, the truth behind Mr Pridham's departure has yet to emerge, and will probably only be known after the elections, set for June 29. He is known to have written a letter to the former Austrian Chancellor, Franz Vranitsky, OSCE envoy to Albania, complaining at his treatment by the organisation.

with the organisation in Tirana were sceptical about Mr Pridham's tirade. "He had not been in agreement since the beginning. said one. "He indeed seemed to

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have personal problems." Mr Pridham's letter to Herr Vranitzky apparently complained at length that he had been barred from a meeting with him. "He was not good for morale," summarised the diplomat. Mr Pridham, who

Ms Fleming said had previously

organisco elections in Palestine,

has been replaced by another Briton, Tony Welsh. He has refused to comment on the furore over his predecessor.

With or without Mr Pridham, the OSCE faces a stiff task in steering Albania down the road of multiparty democracy. Unlike in Bosnia, where the organisation is mandated by the Dayton peace accord to set up elections, in Albania it is only empowered to assist the state. Since last summer, when it accused President Berisha of tampering with parliamentary

been unwelcome to the dominant Democratic Party, which wants to

keep its role to a minimum. "Getting set up has been like pulling teeth," said the diplomat. "In some places the local civil servants who are meant to be

organising the elections haven't been seen for years. It's chaos." The OSCE is hoping that the 600 international monitors it will soon bring to Albania, along with worldwide media attention, can give the election some credibility.

Italy shamed by troops' sex abuse of Somali women

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

NEW evidence emerged yesterday of widespread torture of Somali civilans by Italian soldiers during the US-led peacekeeping operation in Somalia four years ago. The weekly Panorama magazine published what it said were photographs of paratroops sexually abusing Somali

women. Former paratroops said they had been instructed during training for the Somali operation "not to regard the Somalis as human beings". Benedetto Bertini, 23, a former soldier who is now an unemplayed pastry cook in Palermo, said: "We were told, if in doubt shoot, even if the targets are women and children." Another former paratrooper said Somali women had been raped and had subsequently given birth to "blue-cyed Italian babies". One woman allegedly killed her baby out of

Beniamino Andreatta, the Italian Defence Minister, said that the inquiry into the torture allegations would be hastened and the Government would show "no leniency toward those responsible".

The three senior women ministers in the centre-left Government - Livia Turco, Anna Finocchiaro and Rosy Bindi - issued a statement describing the photographs as Italy's shame. "We ask the pardon of all Somali women for what was done," they said. The worsening scandal has led to calls for General Bruno "Stefano" had offered it fur-

Loi and General Carmine Fiore, the popular Italian commanders at the time, to be

called to account. The disclosures, which began a week ago, have shocked Italians and have prompted a stream of revelations from former soldiers. The disclosures have badly dented the image of Italian troops serving abroad as brawa gente, roughly, "good guys" sensitive to the needs of local populations. The main paratroop regiment involved, the Folgore, is at present leading the multinational intervention force in Albania.

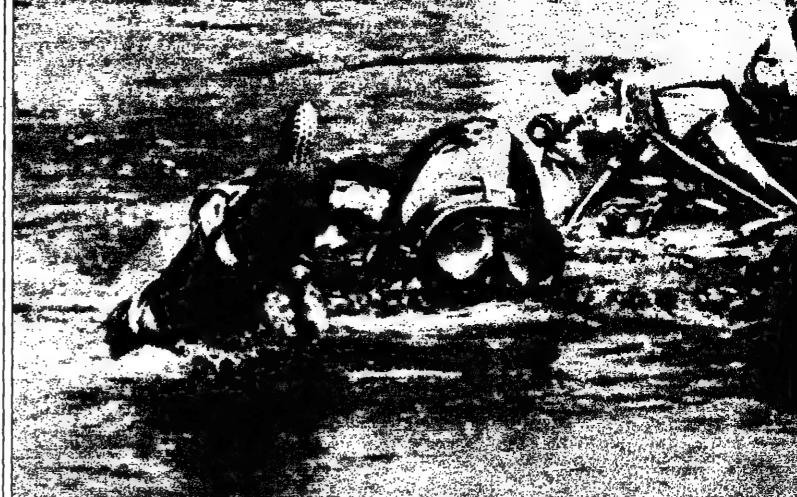
Last week Panorama published photographs sold to it by Michele Patruno, a former member of the Folgore, showing Somali men being tortured in the Italian camp at Johar during Operation Re-store Hope in 1993. In one photograph, paratroops were seen applying electrodes to the genitals of a near-naked Somali man, said to have been caught carrying a weapon.

The Somalia intervention force was intended to end fighting between Somali warlords and to protect food convoys. It swiftly became embroiled in disarming the bandits, many of them teenagers with Kalashnikovs.

Some former soldiers said the photographs were staged and stories of torture were "bar-room anecdotes". But Panorama said that a former soldier it named only as ther photographic evidence of torture after seeing last week's issue. Magazine executives said that they checked the authenticity of the new photographs. The latest pictures, reproduced in all Italian newspapers yesterday, show para-troops holding down a Somali woman at a checkpoint between Mogadishu and Balad and thrusting objects, includ-ing a rocket flare smeared with jam, between her splayed

"She was screaming and struggling," Stefano said. "We tied her by the legs to an APC [armoured personnel carrier]. It wasn't really a sexual game, it was just something to do. Things like this went on at every Italian command post ... we had suddenly gone from the civilised world to the uncivilised world and we were exhilarated." Signor Bertini told the magazine that Italian troops routinely beat Somalis, including women and old men . . . there were not dozens of Somali deaths, as claimed

at the time, but hundreds". Colonel Marco Bertolini, of the Folgore regiment, said that incidents of torture were not "representative" of the Italian mission in Somalia, which had brought "medicine, help and hope". But La Stampa said that Italian troops had behaved badly in Mozam-bique in 1993, although an inquiry into the use by soldiers of under-age Mozambican girls as prostitutes had been



A police diver signals the all-clear yesterday after a security check in the Stahouderskade canal in Amsterdam. EU leaders meet in the city on Monday

Chirac and Kohl disagree on economy and jobs

FROM SUSAN BELL. IN POITIERS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, last night failed to reach agreement on an European Union initiative to promote economic growth and jobs when they met here in advance of Monday's summit in Amsterdam.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn. the French Finance Minister. said: "We are going to work at he was confident of a quick tion of economic policies. The the weekend and arrive in agreement. "There exists a sixty-ninth Franco-German Amsterdam with, I hope, at least an 80 per cent agreement by all those present, not just Germany."

But Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister, said that the EU should revive an earlier agreement to launch alabour-intensive public works programme. Herr Kohl opposed any new spending moves. President Chirac said

willingness, a full agreement. to reach in the coming hours, a settlement on the stability

Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, said attempts were being made to find a solution with a statement on employment based on articles 102 and 103 of the Maastricht treaty, which provide for intensified co-ordina-

Gaullist President's cohabitation with his left-wing summit had brought together Government. two seriously weakened lead-

Another difference of opinion yesterday emerged over Romania's bid to join Nato. President Chirac said that France would support Bucharest's application despite the reservations expressed Washington.

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ers in the bleak plate-glass and

concrete landscape of Futuro-

scope, a high-tech theme park

in the central French city of

Poitiers. The summit marked

the first meeting between Herr

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Pol Pot 'kills top followers' before fleeing stronghold

By James Pringle

POL POT, the sickly Khmer Nations representative of the Rouge leader, has had his defence chief and II members of the man's family murdered and has fled from his north Cambodian stronghold with a fellow leader as hostage, according to one of the country's Co-Prime Ministers.

The once all-powerful Pol Pot, who led the Khmer Rouge during its bloody Maoist subjugation of the country from 1975 to early 1979, was carried off by his men in a sling because he was too sick to move quickly, the First Prime Minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, told journalists in Phnom Penh.

Mr Pol Pot had accused Son Sen [defence chief] of being allied with Second Prime Minister Hun Sen. so on June 10, at 3am, he killed Son Sen and II of his family members very brutally, very cruelly, by shooting them and running over the dead with a truck," said Prince Ranariddh. He said Pol Pot took Khieu

Khmer Rouge, with him as a hostage. According to senior government officials, Son Sen and his wife, Yun Yath, were shot and a vehicle was driven over their nine children, crushing their heads. Son Sen was in charge of

Tuol Sleng, a secondary school turned into a massive estimated 20,000 "enemies of the state" were tortured before being killed near by.

The killings resulted yesterday in fighting around the Khmer Rouge stronghold in Anlong Veng between 200 hardliners loyal to Pol Pot and nearly 2,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas believed to have fected to the Phnom Penh

Prince Ranariddh did not say where Pol Pot, who is believed to be riddled with malaria, may have gone. Cambodia and Thailand said they had sealed their borders to prevent him from escaping help Phnom Penh to capture

China announced that it would not grant him political asylum. But there were reports that "Brother Number One" of the Khmer Rouge leadership and his hated henchman, Ta Mok, a military commander known as the "Butcher", were already in Thailand, awaiting transit to another country, presumably

Diplomats and analysts in the region said that the likelihood of the 69-year-old leader. who has officially retired, being captured and brought to trial for genocide were remote.

There are too many states that would have much to lose in what would be revealed at such a trial," said an analyst in Phnom Penh.

Cui Tiankai, a Foreign Minin politically tense Phnom Penh. Prince Ranariddh said spokesman in Beijing, said: "Now we have no relahe had earlier dispatched a military delegation to Anlong tionship with the Khmer Rouge, so there is no question of giving him or anybody else bastion, to talk about an end to the long-running civil war and

surrender terms with Khieu Samphan and "Brother Number Two", Nuon Chea.

Cambodia is due to join the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) in late July. Member countries are known to want the Cambodi-

sometimes portrayed as a

an war to end before then. Khieu Samohan, who is "moderate" Khmer Rouge, is believed to want to enter the political mainstream and contest next year's scheduled elections, possibly in

alliance with Prince Ranariddh's rayalist Funcinpec party, against the former Communists of the Second Prime Minister, Hun Sen, who is emerging as Cambodia's strongman. The fighting capability of

much weakened last August when leng Sary, who was formerly close to Pol Pot. apparently defected to the Phnom Penh Government's

the Khmer Rouge was very



Pol Pot, centre, in western Cambodia with his former followers in 1986. Now Yun Yath, next to him, is said to have been murdered with her husband, Son Sen, far left. Khieu Samphan, said to have been taken hostage, is second left, beside "Brother Number Two" Nuon Chea

Crackling sways the Papua voters

PORK-BARRELLING is never so abvious. Elections in Papua New Guines really do involve bribing voters with

As voters go to the polls today, men in traditional penis gourds will walk into villages to have their say in the future of a nation mired in As usual, the same names

have been thrown into the ring as potential leaders of the country - most of whom have already held the top post at least once - Sir Julius Chan. the incumbent, versus Sir Michael Somare versus Paias Wingti versus Sir Rabbi

So far the campaign has seen the member for Bougainville kidnapped twice, a woman offered to a candidate as a sign of goodwill and the "Sir Julius for PM" campaign helicopter stoned. Two people



Chan: fighting for

have died and dozens have been injured in pre-election violence that has been reduced with a nationwide ban on

A total of 2,370 candidates are competing for 109 seats in a system where MPs will choose the Prime Minister some time after the last vote is cast in two weeks' time.

Factions abound and loyalties change and change again with no hard feelings. It is unclear whose loyalties are being pursued by the candidate who is running as "Mr Shit". He runs a natural fertiliser business.

Papua New Guinea's fifth national election since indpendence from Australia in 1975 is likely to be its most important. The country was on the brink of disaster three months ago when Sir Julius's Government signed a £22 million contract for foreign mercenaries to launch a campaign against secessionist rebels in Bouganville Island.

Brigadier-General Jerry Singirok, the defence chief, rebelled against the idea and took most of the army with him. In the process he pushed the country into a week of violence, which saw waves of teargas launched against pro-Singirok crowds rioting in the

ical acvium."

The upshot was that General Singirok was sacked, Sir Julius stood down pending an inquiry and the mercenaries left the country.

Since then, a semblance of normality has hung over the country while Sir Julius tries to secure another term. Local experts suggest that he has about as much chance as the pigs of surviving the election, but he has long since proved himself to be a great political

Final figures will not be known at least until the end of the month and, as winning candidates emerge, the police will be on standby for the backlash that commonly accompanies election results in Papua New Guinea.

The government may look set

UN teams blocked by Iraqis

New York: Iraq has repeatedly thwarted United Nations arms inspections in recent days by blocking vehicles and interfering with helicopter flights, in a renewed test of the international communi-

ty's will (James Bone writes). Twice this week Rolf Ekens, chief UN inspector, has complained to the Security Council about obstruction of UN teams seeking documents on proscribed weapons programmes.

Last week Iraqi soldiers manhandled UN staff and threatened to cut off a helicopter's fuel pump to stop them photographing a mili-tary base. The next day an Iraqi escort tried to take over a UN helicopter's controls as inspectors attempted to take a picture of an Iraqi helicopter leaving a military base.

China marks Hong Kong's return with Opium War film

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

ONE of the most expensive Chinese films made. The Opium War, a spectacular nationalist panegyric timed to coincide with the return of Hong Kong to China, opened all over the colony yesterday.

Two days earlier, the film had its premiere before a huge audience, headed by Tung Chee-hwa. the Chief Executive-designate. The distributor snubbed Chris Patten. the Governor. The film will open in China on July I, the day

Hong Kong is returned. The production spans the Opium War of 1840-42 which resulted in the cession of part of Hong Kong to Britain because of China's unwillingness to allow the unfettered importation of British opium from India.

Xie Jin, 70, one of China's

most venerable directors, describes the film as a "special gift for the motherland and the people ... to ensure we and our descendants forever remember the humiliation the nation once suffered".

According to the People's Daily, the Communist Party's mortgaged his three houses to help in financing the film; some sources say that it was underwritten on the order of President Jiang Zemin. Mr Xie compared the war to

the Holocaust and to China's Cultural Revolution, John King Fairbank, of Harvard University, the leading Western historian of 19th-century China, has described the British imposition of opium on China as "the worst international crime in history":

3,000 foreigners, and some scenes were shot in Britain. A replica of a 19th-century street in Canton was built in south China as well as a seaport and opium dens. According to the newspaper, many of the British actors thought the film was fair, saying "at any time and any place selling opium is evil and inhumane"

The cast of 50,000 includes

The film's hero is Lin Zexu. Imperial Commissioner in Canton, who burnt many chests of opium, thereby setting off British retaliation. After a showing of the film

in a Cantonese version in central Hong Kong, a retired salesman said: "This shows how the British exploited China and how they got Hong Kong. Soon we will be rid of

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Australia rejects handover boycott in Hong Kong

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIA is to attend the swearing in ceremony for the Hong Kong Provisional Legislature when the territory returns to China at the end of this month, despite British and American reservations.

London and Washington do not recognise the legitimacy of the hand-picked parliament which will replace the current elected body.

Gone are the days where we would wait to see what Britain and the US did before deciding our own agenda," said Alexander Downer, the Foreign Minister, in an interview with The Times.

Australia was as robustly committed to human rights as 'any Western nation, but was operating in a different, Asian, context. "We have to make our own way in an environment

YUKIHIKO IKEDA, the Jap-

anese Foreign Minister, will

attend the inauguration of Hong Kong's unelected legis-

lature on July I despite a

boycott by Britain and Ameri-

ca, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the

Prime Minister, said yester-

day. He added that Mr Ikeda

would also attend the ceremo-

nies marking the colony's handover to China.

The New Zealand Govern-

ment announced yesterday

that it would not boycott the

inauguration. Don McKin-

non, the Foreign Minister,

said that Wellington had al-

ready made known its opposi-

tion to the dissolution of the

Legislative Council and saw

no point in "carrying on a

higher level of antagonism".
Yesterday, Mr Hashimoto

said: "If [Mr Ikeda] disap-pears when the clock strikes

midnight, it would give of-fence. It is the flow of the

thing." He shrugged off the decision by Tony Blair and

Madeleine Albright the US

Secretary of State, to boycott

the swearing in of the legisla-

that is totally different." Australia had to decide what would be the most effective way of expressing its views: boycotting the ceremony would only worsen relations with Beijing. "You are not going to achieve anything by sloganeering," he said.

Australia has come under pressure, especially from America, to follow Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, in not attending the swearing-in. But he noted that she was operating in a different domestic environment, amid sharp debate in Congress over renewing favourable trade conditions for

Britain also approached Hong Kong and China from a different standpoint, which he

ture. "Other countries are

other countries, but Japan is

Senior Foreign Ministry

officials were less nonchalant

about upsetting America and Britain, but said that Japan's

"special position" prevented it

from supporting the boycott.

"For the US and Britain,

China is at the other end of

the world. But we live in

China's shadow," a senior

Japan, which has consis-

tently refused to criticise hu-

man rights abuses in China.

Beijing's moves to roll back

democratic reforms and re-

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☐ Anti-protest laws: New

laws restricting demonstra-

tions and imposing controls

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expected to be passed today by the China-appointed legis-

lature for Hong Kong. (AFP)

remained silent on

official said.

Japanese to attend

Chinese ceremony

By Robert Whymant and Our Foreign Staff

European country. Our future, our destiny, is in the Asia-Pacific," he said. "We share the same values on human rights as Britain.

Pacific country. Britain is a

But we have to manage our policies in a different way." It would be more effective to have a formal, bilateral human rights dialogue with China. including providing help for its institutions, than cosponsoring a resolution on human rights in the United

Mr Downer said Australia was robust in promoting its own pluralist values in the region. This might make it seem "the odd man in" in the area. But these values were increasingly seen as universal values, something increasingly accepted by Australia's neighbours,

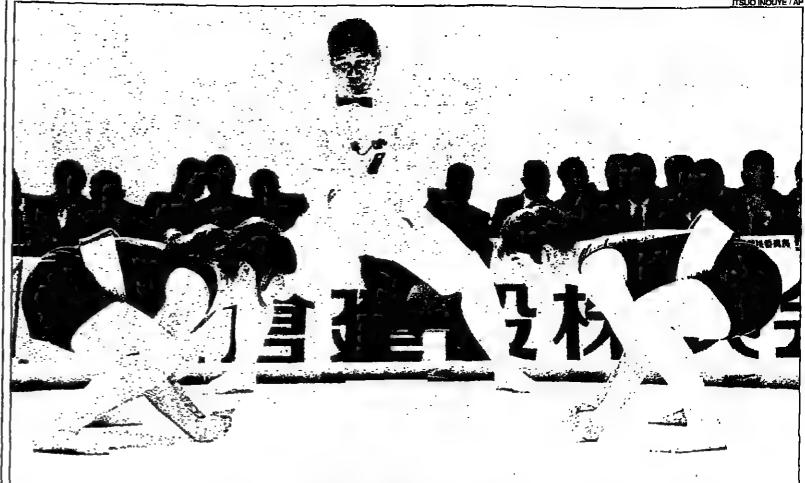
Australia was not a "bridge" to the West, but was deter-mined to use its position on the edge of Asia to build itself up as a centre for trade and business within Asia.

Despite a furore in the media, Australia's trade and political links with its Asian neighbours had not been damaged by the row here over anti-Asian remarks by Pauline Hanson, a maverick MP, said Mr Downer.

"In Australia, there is overwhelming support for the strategy of engagement with Asia," he said. "There is a minority - and Pauline Hanson is only a rather unintelligent manifestation of that minority -- which simply take an isolationist view of Australia. Every country has people who think like this."

Mr Downer denied that Japan had threatened to drop support for Australian participation in the forthcoming Asia-Europe meeting because of the Hanson race row.

He said that Britons should not think they could escape responsibility for the other recent row in Australia, over the policy of forcible assimilation of Aboriginal children. "This was just as much a policy of Britain as Australia. We were, in those days, still very much a product of our



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Azumi Okada, right, confronts Eriko Kawai at the start of this year's championships as sumo women invade the all-male bastion in Japan

Sumo women find male rites heavy going

WHEN Japan's national sport of sumo was first opened up to women. Rie Tsuihiji, 19, was given a solemn warning at the start of training. On no account was she to set foot in the hallowed dohyo (clay ring) used by male wrestlers. That would be to invite the wrath of the gods. Instead, new-style rings made of synthetic matting would be provided for sumo's female pioneers.

"I found it strange at first that women could not even enter the dohyo," says Ms Tsuihiii. Japan's first female sumo champion. "But we have to accept that traditional sumo is a divine sport of men."

Many Japanese chuckle at the idea of women wanting to take up a form of wrestling steeped in ritual, dating back 1,300 years, where fat men joust like bloated hippos.

in a sumo bout, two contestants charge each other and try to force the opponent to the ground or out of the central part of the ring. Agility and balance are needed, but a pair of powerful thighs and a bulging belly - to ensure a low centre of gravity — are absolute requisites. In short, the prizes in sumo go to the obese and gluttonous. People

Robert Whymant in Tokyo reports on the female challenge to male chauvinism dominating the ancient rituals of a national sport

with a weight problem are, for once, at an advantage.
But at a mere 298lb, Ms Tsuihiji is going to appear puny alongside male titans. even though she is the heaviest of the 70-odd registered female fighters. Take the two most

respected and highly paid stars in the nation's most popular spectator sport. The biggest is 608lb Konishiki: Akebono, the reigning champion, weighs in at 491lb. Few women like to flaunt their fat, which may explain why organisers of women's

whelmed with

amateur sumo, called New Sumo, have not been overapplicants since the launch last year. Most came into the game from judo: Ms Tsuihiji belongs to

the Takushoku University

Judo Club.

Partly because of weight, but also because of special rules, the women's bouts seem altogether tamer than the clashes between the grunting. heaving male giants. The rules of New Sumo ban slapping, head charges and blows to the chest as too unlady-like. But when the first All-Japan New Sumo Tournament was held in January, spectators were heartened to see the old rituals preceding a bout squatting, stamping, tossing salt - were not neglected by the female newcomers.

If Japan remains a bastion of male chauvinism, paying lip-service to the idea of equal opportunity, then the sumo

of its various male preserves. For years the Japan Sumo Association, the powerful goveming body of the professional sport, has fought to prevent the slightest contamination by

The last serious attempt to challenge the taboo came in 1990. Mayumi Moriyama, the Chief Cabinet Secretary at the time, announced a plan to climb into the ring to present the Prime Minister's trophy to the new champion. She said she felt compelled to challenge

the "no women" tradition. This provoked outrage. "A woman will defile the sacred dohyo," spluttered the head of the Japan Sumo Association. Ancient rites dictate that before every tournament the ring must be consecrated and the gods invoked to spare the wrestlers from injury. To allow a woman into the ring would upset the sport's guardian deities and cause a calamity.

Ms Moriyama suggested that such mumbo-jumbo owes more to male chauvinism than respect for the gods. But in the end she backed down, judging that annoying sumo traditionalists might do more harm than good to her political

It has to be said that the women's competition was not inaugurated by idealists bent on advancing the frontiers of sexual equality. The decision to allow women into the sport

 but not, of course, the dohyo is tied up with a specific goal: to elevate amateur sumo to an Olympic event or an exhibition sport. "Our aim is to make sumo

part of the Olympics in 2008." says Tomoko Fukushima, of the New Sumo Federation, the women's wing of Japan's amateur sumo federation. "We started work on this seven years ago. But just developing a mawamashi (wrestler's loincloth) for women has taken us five years."

Some male spectators at the first tournament said they found little glamour in watching overweight women push and shove without the sheer animal ferocity that their male counterparts bring to the sport. Hisashi Ikeda, 52, says: Women's sumo is the ultimate denial of femininity. I fust cannot imagine women will want to fatten themselves up like male wrestlers to improve their power."



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Eyebrows rise as Aeroflot gains a relative high flyer

recently appointed head of Aeroflot, the appointment instantly raised eyebrows in the aviation world, where cynics dismissed the move as a clear act of nepotism.

It is not that the 45-year-old former navigator is not experienced in the ways of Russia's state-controlled airlines. He has spent his entire career at Aeroflot including its Soviet heyday when it was the world's largest airline.

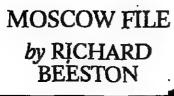
But as the husband of President Yeltsin's eldest daughter, Lena, and the father of two presidential granddaughters, there was a strong sense that family connections rather than his managerial skills accounted for his sudden rise to the top.

Certainly, Mr Yeltsin seems to have a soft spot for his son-in-law. Although neiabout the extended influence

NO ONE could accuse the Moscow municipal

authorities of not caring about the plight of

the city's less fortunate. In the early hours one



sian leader has made little secret of his admiration for 'Valera", who in some ways has fulfilled the role of the son he never had.

'He comes from a family with traditions, with some very fine manners, and these qualities were passed on to Valera," Mr Yeltsin wrote in his book The View from the Kremlin, "He is direct, independent and strong; a real man of the house."

Mr Okulov, who has spent, most of his career flying and training on all of Aeroflot's main civilian aircraft, had his first big break last August, when he was plucked from

Night shift laid off for summer

relative obscurity and promoted to deputy director. Observers noted that the move occurred just after the Russian leader was successful in his re-election bid and at about the same time that Tatyana Dyachenko. Mr Yeltsin's youngest daughter, was formally appointed to an offi-

cial post in the Kremlin as a

presidential aide. Despite initial scepticism Mr Okulov appears to have made huge strides in turning the company around since his promotion to management and his confirmation as Acroflot's general director last month. Thiugh it has a notori-

will have to tread carefully. In Soviet times, Leonid Brezhnev's son-in-law, who was promoted to a senior job in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, wound up in jail on senior city official to take a long summer corruption charges after the Soviet leader died.

past six months, from around

The company now has

Abroad, Aeroflot still has

an image problem to over-

come, although it has recently

signed a deal with one of

Russia's leading advertising

agencies to help to bury its

in a recent interview, Mr

main attraction was still its

low prices - and to prove

it, the company is running

campaign this summer, when

month-long promotional

Nevertheless, Mr Okulov

plans to replace its ageing

fleet of jets with Boeings and the latest generation of

Russian airliners.

Mr Okulov will have to hope that his accident-free safety record in the air will be



Teenager tangling with heir problems

WHILE most teenagers will spend this month fretting about exams and planning their summer holidays, one young Russian student will have an additional worry to the usual list of

Grand Duke Georgi Romanov, 16 heir to the Russian throne, should discover in the coming weeks whether he will become the next Tsar or remain a humble student at the British school in Madrid, where his family

Under Russian tradition, the next in line to the throne reaches the age of majority at 16, when he can be officially crowned. But a key part of the preparation involves taking an oath of loyalty to Russia and the Orthodox Church at the cathedral of Kostroma, a city north of Moscow where Romanov monarchs have made the pledge since 1613.

Although in the past few months there has been a public debate about the merits of restoring the Russian monarchy, many still have misgivings. The Communist-run administration of Kostroma has banned the ceremony, the Church is taking a neutral position, and Boris Nemtsov, the hot shot new Deputy Prime Minister, seems to have lost his initial enthusiasm for the monarchist

Privately, Kremlin officials admit that, with President Yeltsin looking and feeling so energetic, there is only room for one Tsar in Russia for the

bust. But instead of being arrested, the girls were taken to a lecture hall and ordered by a

FROM ROSS DUNN IN TEHRAN

THERE are two parallel universes in Iran. In the first, all women are covered and alcohol is banned. The atmosphere is sombre, the sexes are segregated and people do not laugh too much in public.

In the second, there is gaiety and a sense of relief. Some of the modern women of Iran have stripped down to miniskirts and short-sleeved tops with plunging necklines. They are the daughters of the women whom the leader of the Islamic Revolution, the late Avatollah Khomeini, once said were "corrupted by the Shah's regime".

The ayatollah would be horrified if he could see some of the women of today carry on the traditions of their secular some women drink smuggled beer, whisky and liqueurs. They also dance to Western music with men who are not necessarily their husbands.

Muslim clerics promote only the first universe, which is the public face of Iran. Second is the private world, which Westerners only learn about through discreet friend-

day, scores of night butterflies", as prostitutes are known in Russian, were rounded up by the police for what they thought was a routine

In the finest of Soviet traditions, the authorities want every blemish to be removed from Moscow during celebrations marking the city's 850th anniversary. After that, the girls are free to resume street walking

Iran unveils the two worlds of women



Islamic fundamentalism still casts a shadow as girls with bags bearing prints of rock musicians shop in Tehran

ships. The two worlds used to coexist relatively openly, but not always harmoniously. The to produce the Islamic revolution of 1979, when people with Westernised styles were forced out of public life.

But liberal attitudes have continued and, for some of the

northern suburbs of Tehran. this is the only way to cope with the repressive rules for public behaviour in the Islam-

"Having fun? We can only do that when no one is looking." said one woman. a 20-year-old engineer. Although critical of the system. affluent secular women in the she was quick to say she is

and the United States.

proudly Iranian and would not live anywhere else. Speaking in English, she explained she had the opportunity to escape but decided to return to her homeland. She has travelled for months in Canada

The richness of her culture drove her home again. She is a devotee of Persian poetry and Iranian films which have undergone a renaissance since the Islamic revolution. Directors have not been able to show physical intimacy, perhaps prompting them to ex-plore deeper and more mysterious aspects of human relationships.

Iran is a place where moral policing has been broadened to include even a woman's smile or glance towards a man. Police have stopped women from smiling at men on the ground that to do so the Iran News reported.

The fundamentalist nature of the Islamic revolution has not overturned centuries of practice in the Shia faith. One of the most interesting is the concept of temporary unions. illegal. But the outgoing President. Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, has spoken publicly of the sexual urges of youth and encouraged young men who could not afford permanent marriages to enter into temporary marriages for sexual gratification. While his sermon in 1990 caused a public storm, many believed he was simply restat-

ing the long established Shia principle of temporary marriage - a union which is not regarded as permanent or defeat a proposal by Japan legal but is not adulterous. that the long-established for-Some Muslim religious authorities say this was tolerated by the Prophet Muhammad, and it has the advantage of

allowing the children of such unions to be considered legitimate. Sexual urges have not been banished by the Islamic revoished and prominent busi-

nessmen keep mistresses in smart apartments. Hafiz, one of the most loved of the Persian mets, saw pleasure and religion as the most important incentives to human action. Even in the grip of fundamentalist Islam, the people still follow the

any avamilah. This was clearly shown in the landslide victory of the moderate Muslim cleric, Pres-Khatami. He is now charged with the difficult task of finding a balance between the tendency of Iranians towards

Japan defeated in ploy to weaken whaling curbs

From Jan Raath in harare

mal undertaking by Cites to

THE first important encounters of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) meeting in Harare were fought yesterday, with Japan being beaten roundly in a tactical manoeuvre in its battle to resume

But the Japanese, with the backing of the world's leading fishing nations, quashed a United States proposal to set up a committee that was ex-pected to lead to the first regulation of international sea fisheries by Cites within three

In both debates, delegates resorted to the secret ballot, a fore in Cites meetings, at the previous conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1994. The use of the secret vote is a sign of the increasing intensity of clashes between lobby groups at the world's largest international wildlife forum. Delegates voted 51 to 27 to

follow the policies of the International Whaling Commission should be abandoned to allow Cites to make its own judgements and policies on whaling. Cites endorses the whaling commission's 11-yearold moratorium on whaling. The "delinking" resolution has been criticised widely as a tactic to weaken whale conservation because Cites has little expertise on whaling and relies on the commission.

Next week the conference is to decide on proposals from Japan and Norway for three species of whale in different parts of the world's oceans to dix I for "critically endangered

"If that Ithe separation of Cites from the whaling commission] had gone ahead, it would have opened the way for the proposals on whaling next week," James Martin-Jones, head of conservation policy for the World Wide Fund for Nature, said.

Later, however, commercial fishing lobby groups easily collected support to thwart an attempt to set up a marine fisheries working group that would report in detail on the effect of commercial fishing on world fish populations.

The group would have been mandated to recommend listings that would have restricted or banned trade in species of fish regarded as

Cites now lists only hard coral, giant clams and Oueen conches in its appendices, and provides no protection for vertebrates. International wildlife groups say there is of marine fish populations, but that there is no doubt that many are near extinction.

The US proposal came nowhere near the two thirds majority needed for it to be passed: it was beaten by 50 votes to 49. Japan's opposition was strongly supported by Latin American and African

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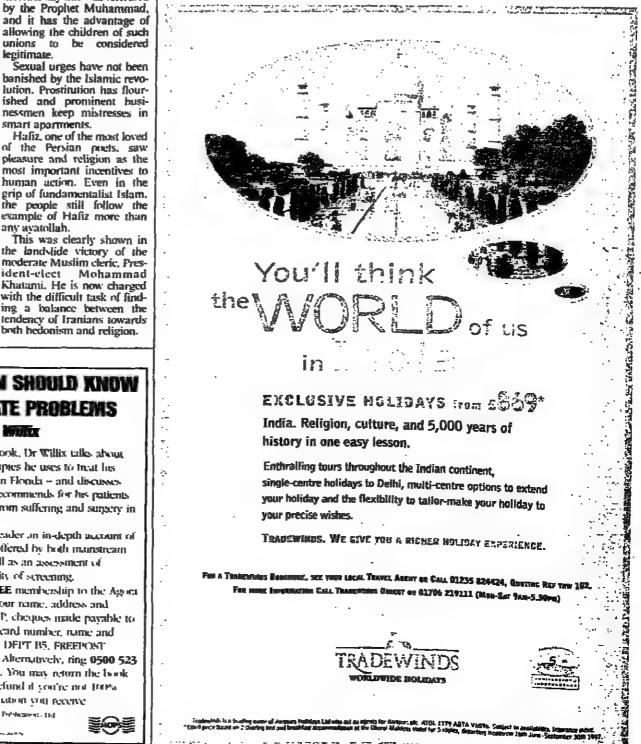
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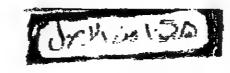
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f these sentences don't sing out their message loud and clear - if nebulous nouns chafe against gawky adjectives, and the syntax clumsy seems somewhat then I apologise. The truth is that I have squandered the hours when I should have been head down, teeth gritted, slaving over a hot keyboard ... by reading poetry. Not poetry of the stern modernist variety, either. No. my crime is worse. I have regressed to the

Romantics. Specifically, to Samuel

Taylor Coleridge. There, I admit it.

I'm a whimpering, simpering ado-When I should have been deep in analysis of the latest Byzantine twists in Arts Council policy, I was immersed in Christabel. (And what a kinky bird she was, fellers.) When I should have been vigorously scouring Variety for the mega-buck deals of Spielberg and Ovitz. I was lapping up Frost at Midnight (with all the numberless goings-on of life inaudible as dreams." as my new friend Samu-

Let's hear it for the grey-beard loon el himself says). When I should have been pondering the implica-tions of changes in lottery regulations, I was hitching a spiritual ride on the road to Xanadu, if not

actually potholing down those

caverns measureless to man. Most of all, however, I was gripped again by the terrifying narrative of The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. I last read it through from start to finish 25 years ago, almost to the day, at around 3am on the morning of my A-level Eng Lit puetry paper - and a damned desperate, lonely read that was, with my brain clutching at quotable lines like a drowning puppy clawing at a slimy rock. My heart goes out to the thousands of 18-year-olds going through exactly that right now. Does anybody live through A-level English and still love the set works afterwards?

This time I read the Mariner for pleasure, but instead I found that revisiting the grey-beard loon's briny journey to hell and back shook me up so much that I stared thoughtfully at a piece of toast and Marmite for more than 20 minutes. More wasted time!

And guess what? Now that the pressure is off, and I don't need to memorise it. I find my mind is clogged up with 625 lines of utterly unusable poetry, when what I really need is a handful of pithy journalistic cliches to see me safely through to the weekend. Still, as the poet said, a sadder and a wiser man I'll rise the morrow morn. Why did I blow the dust off

Coleridge? Because this is a special year. The Mariner was conceived - jointly by Coleridge and Wordsworth while tramping the Quantocks - 200 years ago, on



RICHARD MORRISON

November 30, 1797. And if poetry still counts for anything in this impatient, unreflective, mega-sensationalist culture of ours, Britain should surely be making big plans

to celebrate this of all poetic anniversaries.

I am not saving that the Mariner is the greatest poem in the language, or even the greatest sea poem. Arnold's magnificently pessimistic Dover Beach, Tennyson's spectacularly scary The Kraken and Hardy's glum but masterly Convergence of the Twain pack just as much profundity into a tenth of the space, which probably makes them technically superior. But I do think that the Mariner has something (I guess it's called humanity) that touches everybody: young and old, mystic and cynic,

saint and sinner. Its rhymes, metre and images are beguilingly "easy" to understand; yet its symbolic potential is limited only by the reader's own imagination. Search the textbooks and you are told that it's "all

about" Christianity, the Industrial Revolution, mother-love, motherhate, the perils of disturbing Nature (or "ecological disaster" as we would burble today), sexual obsession, opium abuse, writer's block ... you name it, and critics have discovered it in the Mariner. Yet, if you want, it is just a compul-

esides which, Coleridge deserves our reverence.

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the patron saint of failures serves our reverence. He is - and we all fail, one way or another, sooner or later. Morton Paley's new study, Coleridge's Later Poetry, is a gallant attempt to argue that the last three decades of Coleridge's life were not totally bereft of decent poems. Nevertheless, the tragic fact remains that Coleridge wrote his best stuff in a miraculous two-year burst from

sively readable thriller-chiller.

1747. What's more, he seems to have possessed a spooky fore-knowledge that this would be so. That is why such poems as Kubla Khan are presented as fragments snatched from oblivion. "The Poet is dead in me." he wrote in 1801, 33 years before he actually died.

After that, well, the drugs, the sex, the marriage break-up, the rock niroll, the metaphysical discourses — they all took their toll. But most of all, Wordsworth took his tall. Coleridge simply withered against the competition. He lost his nerve. He thought that the Mariner and Kubla Khan didn't cut the mustard when set against The Prelude. What an idiot. What

a pity. What a waste. At least let's give him and his grey-beard loon a rousing cheer this year. Already one admirable institution has shown the way, announcing a Mariner exhibition for July and August. Congratulations to . . . the Wordsworth Museum in Grasmere. Coleridge would have loved the irony.

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Michael Elwyn (Lafew), Jonathan Elsom (the king) and a health service of nurses tackle Shakespeare in Regent's Park

Common as murk

ot so long ago the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park would have followed its opening production of A Midsummer Night's Dream with an As You Like It. Twelfth Night or Taming of the Shrew. So All's Well That Ends Well, which has never been among Shakespeare's more popular plays, is a brave choice. You might say the same of the hiring of the woman who directs it. Helena Kaut-Howson recently and bizarrely transformed King Lear into a senile old lady's dying fantasies or memories of clashes with her troublesome

brood. But braver does not necessarily mean better, and Kaut-Howson's All's Well, although

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale

sees vulgarity miss the point at an

hardly as reductionist an effort suggests: that people are interas her Lear, quite fails to explain why the play has fascinated critics of the calibre of Coleridge and Shaw. Bertram, who cheats, fibs and defies the French king's command to love the girl who has cured his embarrassing fistula, may not be everyone's idea of a hero. Nor is Helena, who is as adept with bed-tricks as with alternative medicine,

your conventional heroine. Yet, for all its silliness, their story should leave you feeling the truth of what a lordling

and, as Shaw acknowledged, a woman of "sovereign charm". Surely she should not be a Open Air All's Well That Ends Well genial but coarse-grained old bat who dresses in fake zebra or gaudy red. estingly uncategorisable, con-

sisting as they do "of a

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But Kaut-Howson seems

more concerned to embrace

the silliness than explore the

characters or the ideas of

honour and dishonour they

embody. This is a modern-

dress production in which the

king is accompanied into his

bath by a yellow plastic duck,

proclaims his arrival with a

blast of patriotic music on his

car-horn, celebrates his recov-

ery by bopping on the dance-

floor, and runs a country

inexplicably packed with pa-

parazzi, video operators and

bunny girls in fluffy black. No

wonder Jonathan Elsom, who

plays the part, lost some of his lines on opening night. It must have been his unconscious

protest against having so vul-

The vulgarity extends to the

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together".

the role, seems comfier as the widow whose daughter Bertram meets and woos in Italy. But that is because she has transformed a respectable Florentine into a slatternly madame with a Mrs Mop scarf, a London accent, a fag drooping from her mouth and a child who, so far from being the innocent Shakespeare specified, flashes her tummy and her boobs from inside scarlet PVC.

Nigel Planer has some sucthat demands more of them.

Countess of Roussillion. Bertram's warm, wise mother

Frances Cuka, who plays

cess with Bertram's false friend, Parolles, although a bit more swank and a bit less camp, jokey mugging would make his eventual ummasking by his army comrades funnier. But Michael Higgs, a mildly callow, mildly arrogant Ber-tram, and isabel Pollen, all decency and bony angst as Helena, deserve a production THEATRES

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Why the true Europhile is a Eurosceptic

The EU is undermining the English common law, says Roger Scruton

The issue of Europe, which tore the Conservative Party in two, will not go away simply because the Tories are out of office. For it is deeper than politics, and concerns the whole past and

future of our country.

The habit has arisen of dividing people into "Europhiles" and "Eurosceptics", and of denigrating the sceptics as "Little Englanders". The thought seems not to have occurred to those who take charge of our political education that scepticism towards the institutions of the European Union might stem from a love of Europe and a fear of the nationalist enthusiasms which are constantly threatening to destroy its culture. It is especially galling to be told this now, when the French have just voted in droves for their National Front and German youths are once again taking to the streets in search of the "enemy within". Or are we to conduct this debate as though there were no such thing as history, and no knowledge whatsoever to be gained from studying it?

Most Eurosceptics are also de-fenders of the United Kingdom. which grants to the English no Parliament, no sovereign, no army and no assets of their own, but obliges them to share all these things with the Scots, the Welsh and a troublesome segment of the Irish. Conservatives remain committed to the Union, since they regard it as a knot which

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was tied by history. The process of union with Scotland began in 1603, when King James I of England and VI of Scotland succeeded to the English throne. It was completed only a century later, with the Act of Union. The Union remains contentious, but

it endured. And it endured because source of life in the Christian it was no one's decision, because it emerged slowly, as the by-product of more immediate matters, and because it was a natural expression of the geographical, linguistic and religious contiguity of the English and Scottish peoples

The European Union by contrast, is urged on us as a result of artificial capital, attached to two political decisions. It proceeds according to a timetable, and hastens forward with an urgency that is observer, but which has much to do with Chancellor Kohl's prospects of holding office. In the light of this, we ought to ask ourselves whether the European Union could be as stable and as durable as the Union of England with Scotland. We should try to ignore the wars

and persecutions, the attempted suicide of 1914, the shameless destruction wrought by Hitler and the followers of Marx. For although these are part of history too, they show the nations of Europe in the poor light that falls on them whenever they succumb to either nationalist or internationalist delusions. Europe is above all a civilisation. It includes the music of Germany which has conveyed Bach's joyful faith, Schubert's tender grieving and Beethoven's defiant solitude into the minds of every musical European. It includes the language and literature of France and that great experience of Paris, its splendeurs et misères the experience of a mystical identity between the city and the human soul, recorded so powerfully by

Baudelaire. Balzac and Proust. Europe is the art and architecture of Italy — which acquaints us with a very different idea of the city. as a community of pilgrims. Europe is also the ecstatic religion of Spain and the threatening myths of the Finnish Kalevala. It is a seemingly endless experiment in spiritual possibilities, each unfolding through its own lore and landscape like a tapestry woven by many hands. But when I ask myself what England is in all this, I find myself tending in a new

Language and literature have exalted us to the same heights as the French, the Italians and the Germans. But it is not this that explains our distinctiveness, or our ability to spread ourselves outwards, to detach ourselves from the continent of Europe and to be always elsewhere and elsewhen.

Our apartness is the result of our law: the common law of England, which remains distinct from Scots law even now, after three centuries of the Union. This law, which arose by an invisible hand from the deliberations of countless judges, is the living record of our history. To study it is to explore, case by case, the archaeology of our national genius, to unearth not just decisions, rules and arguments, but the concrete reality of English life and the moving human conflicts that shaped and reshaped our country. On this wonderful artefact of natural justice has been built another: the system of equity, with its concepts of trust and beneficial ownership. Thanks to equity, the English have been able to build institutions without the permission of anyone but themselves, and to bypass the attempts by grandees, monarchs and Parliaments to divest them of their powers.

Anyone who reflects on the diversity of European culture and who understands just what is European in the King James Bible, in Janaček's Kata Kabanova, in Goethe's Wilhelm Meister or in the decision of the House of Lords in Rylands v Fletcher will know that all these things, deep

down, have a common

religion. But it is not to that source that the European Union refers. On the contrary: the European institutions are secular through and through, animated more by bureaucratic weariness than by the spiritual inheritance of Europe. The seat of power is Brussels - an unhappy nations, both severed from their history and their linguistic roots by Great Power diploma-Brussels could as well be designed for the administration of Antarctica or the government of the Galapagos Islands as for the wellbeing of Europe. And the feeble attempts by the overfunded and philistine propaganda machine to provide a marketable idea of "European culture" reveal, in their Disneyland vulgarity, the true source of the federal impulse, namely the television culture of modern America.

To an Englishman, however, this "Euro-culture" would be of no significance were it not for the fact that the spiritual achievement which is ours, and which stands to the English people as German music to the Germans. and the idea of Paris to the French, has been directly discounted by the European machine. The European courts - staffed by judges who have no training remotely comparable to that required for the common law - have begun to unwind our legal inheritance, and thereby to destroy our self-understanding as a European people. This violence done to the English is bound to awaken a reaction, even among those who have no knowledge of the common law, but who respond to it with the instinctive sympathy that comes from living under its agais. But I suspect that the English experience is only one instance of a feeling that is spreading elsewhere in Europe: that if you genuinely love Europe, then you cannot love the European Union.

■ Beau Gesterie in Folkestone? Come off it, says Philip Howard

trong, silent Britons with a past used to enlist in the French Foreign Legion in order to forget a broken heart or to escape the law. Today they are in danger of being impressed into it because they have forgotten to return their French call-up papers. Henry Tuson was arrested on French passport-control territory at Folkestone, handcuffed to gendarmes and shanghaied to army barracks at Lille, because he was suspected of avoiding national service. His arrest was a bureaucratic cock-up à la godile (getting his epaulettes in a twist). Master Tuson has a French mother, but he spent only the first three months of his life in France. And his adventure has written a new chapter in the romantic genre of Beau

The lure of the Foreign Legion is strong, in life as in fiction. In life, every European war since the 1830s has swelled the legion's ranks when the armies were unmustered. Soldiers who could not bear to stop fighting joined the legion. After the Falklands escapade of 1982, British recruits rose to one in ten of the legion.

In romantic fiction, the prolific English novelist P.C. Wren created the genre with Beau Geste (1925). But the supposed

gling against the odds to break new

ground. The one thing the British

do even better than break new

ground is murder the ground-

breakers. Every innovator must

have his tormentors. Every first

Even so, the shrapnel that pep-

pered British Airways' new livery

last week was spectacular. Com-mercial rivals, lobbyists, art critics, trade unionists, MPs, anyone with

a mobile number known to the

press was summoned to attack the

£60 million redesign. Virgin re-marked that its own logo "cost

nothing". Sebastian Coe said it was

"walking away from Britain". The

National Art Collections Fund -

why them? - said BA was "extrav-

agant and confusing". Brian Sewell

said it was "lunacy". Where were

the Spice Girls and Arthur Scargill? They must have gone incommunicado.

Let us pause and indulge in a

moment's fantasy. Suppose that

rather than announce a new livery

last week, BA had done the

opposite. Suppose all the critics

were invited to a conference and

told that BA was considering a

would these critics suggest - no

The debate would have gone like

this. BA's existing design would have been rubbished as out of date.

that of a ponderous multinational

with both feet stuck in British

concrete. Since 60 per cent of its

passengers are non-British, BA should break away from its chau-

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no more wittering about "flying the

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glamour of the legion was spread worldwide by the film, the most popular silent movie of the 1920s, and its talking sequel of 1939 although in the title role Gary Cooper did not talk so much as create his reputation for being strongly silent. These romances created the myth. In it the legionaries in their white kepis, led by their drums and bugles, forever march into the sand dunes towards dusty death.

Fort Zinderneuf is strangely silent because it is defended by a garrison of corpses. Sergeant Markoff is shouting: "Keep shooting, you scum! You'll get a chance yet to die with your boots on!" An officer cries: "Tell the Sergeant-Major that an advance party of the Foreign Legion on camels marches en tenue de campagne d'Afrique in nine minutes from when I shout aux armes. The rest of them on mules."

And, in the words of the Hollywood proverb: "The love of a man for a woman waxes and wanes like the moon, but the love of brother for brother is steadfast as the



word of the Prophet." The glamour was created by the naccessibility of the stars. the brevity of legionary life, and the self-sacrifice of the heroes beneath their macho crusts. Stir in the attraction of fancy dress Frogging and the mystery of the Sahara profonde, where the Tuareg and the mirages roam be-yond the oasis. Take a pinch of the legion's motto, legio patria nostra. Mix in Rudolph Valentino looking sexy as a sheikh on

a camel. And you have a powerful modern In the deserts of the imagination, bugles still blow, the tricolore flies and the rough soldiers of fortune die with their boots on and their shady pasts forgotten. Death cancels all debts. Beau Gesterie has become

a movie archetype. It has inspired as many films as Robin Hood or Dracula. The books, though dated, wildly politically incorrect and snobbish, are still in print. And, at their level, they make rattling good yarns: "'And is it the dying camel that cries

stars and endures like the all this? I ask, even as I leap into my belt and boots, and rush to the door and shout, 'Aux armes! Aux armes!' to my splendid fellows and wish to God they were my

Spahis." And of course, like the books and the films, the myth is tosh. The Foreign Legion does indeed have a long history, but its record is no better than that of other little mercenary armies. Its battle honours are not a patch on those of the Gurkhas. In 1961 one regiment supported Algerian insur-gents against the French Government and was disbanded in disgrace.

The myth of its invincibility was always legendary, in the literal sense. But it was finally exploded at Dien Bien Phu when the Viet Minh, without romance or glamorous (or indeed any) uniforms, destroyed the legion. That and the Algerian debacle led to the downfall of the Fourth Republic.

The proper place for Beau Gesterie is the back of the stalls, equipped with popcorn and tissues. Avoid the white kepi and all who wear it in real life at all costs. And if you have even the remotest French connections, stay away from passport control.

Passed with flying colours

BA's redesign strikes a blow against dreary corporate he ack-ack opened up even before the squadron was airborne. "Unpatriotic . . . images and should raise a cheer for British industry wallpaper catalogue . . . I Spy guide to world culture . . . kids with spray cans could have done better ... so much kitchen-floor lino ... mocked in every corner of the globe ... Air Gabon crossed with Air Inca." Yes, you guessed it. Another British institution is strug-



flag". The coat of arms and the tailscreamed at them from every damp towelette, any more than they want

the sky. Big need not be boring. All these things would have been said - and meant. And what has BA done? It has done precisely what the critics would have sugary. I regard most corporate design

sted. In other words, it has spoilt their fun. It shot every fox before the hunt had begun, and left the huntsmen furning at the start. Capitalists are not supposed to do

BA's designers, Newell and Sorrell, appear to have detonated a bomb under their profession. Their philosophy, we are told, was that the corporate identity of BA should lie not in logos and standardised design but in quality of service. Transport companies have spent half a century shedding the image of manufacturing industry and learning to "serve". Airlines prosper by word of mouth. That word is quality. The only standardisation should be in personal attention. No

amount of paint can cover up incompetence. The only addity is that this message should be so revolution-

as visual musak: burps, squiggles and doodles aimlessly filling space. BA needed a signature but saw no reason why it should be the same everywhere. If the product is good, the packaging can afford to be diverse, eyecatching, daring. An

airline has a vast quantity of empty space to decurate. A confident business can dare to go "upmarket". It can bring original works of art to the heart of its commercial culture. It can respond to Ruskin's maxim that "industry without art is brutality".

Such flair has long disappeared from public transport. BA's prewar ancestor. Imperial Airways, had such flair. Passengers leaving for Croydon Aerodrome checked in at a Mayfair house, No 13 Charles Street (speedily renamed 12A). The coach out of town boasted "the scent of Balkan Sobranie". Everyone was treated as a VIP and the old Heracles aircraft, none of which survives, offered walnut veneer, deep armchairs and five-course dinners. The Frobisher fly-ing boats, also vanished, were even more magnificent, with bedrooms and promenade areas. The only corporate identity was that of firstclass service.

After the war, the world's airlines were dumbed down by nationalisation. a mass market and an obsession with corporate identity. This obsession ruined British design in the 1960s and 1970s. It flattered boardroom egos but its monotony depressed staff and customers alike. It gave Britain the Bass Charrington pub doors, Watney's Red Barrel, the Happy Eater, Network Southeast and BT's appalling phone kiosks, now mercifully departing. Nor was such a grim aesthetic confined to business. One reason why "government" is disliked the world over is that its corporate identity is so monolithic and inhuman. It cannot shed the incubus of bigness.

Some standardised design fits snugly into its surroundings. I believe that the London bus should be red, the London taxi black and the London square stucco. Such rules give dignity to the environ-ment and please the eye. They indicate a community able to discipline itself. Equally a community ready to take risks with art and architecture is a community with self-confidence. Britain has so few murals and public sculptures because it has lacked the patronage of confident civic leaders. Committees rarely take risks.

erhaps planes are a special case. They are already flying murals, aerial sculprealise this. Braniff asked Alexander Calder to paint one of its planes. Château Mouton Rothschild asked Chagall and others to paint its wine labels. If the art offends — and the art commisit cannot do so for long. We rarely see a plane for more than a few seconds. The new livery is intended as globally competitive. If BA wants to steal market share from KLM, SAA and Air Canada; I cannot imagine a more decorous way than to daub its planes with work by Dutch, Ndebele and Canadian artists. If the old City of Dundee is renamed after the painter Emmly Masanabo, so much the better. They used to name

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pursupering of our publicated to distract to distract to distract to distract to the purious properties of our publication of the publication of t

ships after the chairman's mistress. Such moments of corporate history should be savoured. One critic's response was to inquire whether aircrews would be wearing grass skirts on flights to the Pacific philistinism reduced to absurdity. BA should turn the tables on its enemies and distribute copies of the dafter comments to its passengers. (I gather the only critics have been

Pandora's Box is now open. Corporate identity is not a proxy for corporate discipline. It deadens initiative rather than elevates it. Acres of standardised paint merely cover up shoddy service. From the studios of collective design came the great carbuncles of the British landscape: the petrol station, the motorway service area, the shop-ping centre, the motel. All are essays in monotony. All are obtrusively the same, gashes of bland shape, colour and material.

The message has penetrated one of Britain's biggest companies. May it penetrate many more.

Floating vote

traditionalists, the members of the Royal Hong Kong Yaclu Club have voted to retain their royal title. In an extraordinary meeting on Thursday, members defied a fac-



"The latest theory is it's an

IN a victory for die-in-the-ditch tion led by Club Commodore David Kong, who had hoped that the "Royal" would be dropped to avoid antagonising their new Chinese masters. From the moment of the handover, the club will simply translate its name into Chinese, retaining the "royal".

Despite being regarded as rather nouveau, more Bacardi Gold than gin fizz. the Yacht Club has shamed the Jockey Club and the Hong Kong Golf Club. which, like the colony's RSPCA and RNLI. have dropped their "royal" tags.

Not that the decision came easily. Many members, some of them divided along ethnic lines, were refusing to speak to each other over the issue.

Last year the club magazine Ahoy! had refused to publish a thank-you letter from the Oueen because of fears that the club's colonial links might discourage the Chinese Navy from rendering emergency assistance to members in trouble. The downside for the royalists is that the Queen will be



replaced as patron of the club by China's President Jiang Zemin. With the decision made, how-

ever, the club can now look forward to the 24-hour bash it has organised to celebrate the handover. It will be called "One Party, Two Hangovers". It should end the infighting, temporarily.

Tied up

WITH the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, looking like a spare part in his lounge suit at the Mansion House black tie dinner on Thursday night, over in Greenwich the Defence Minister, George Robertson, proved himself more adapt-

able. At a dinner at the Royal Naval College attended by the Prince of Wales, he arrived in a perfectly pressed white tie, as instructed on the invitation. Had he decided that taking the Brown line just was not worth the inevitable harrumphs he would have received from the Navy? No. says his spokesman at the MoD. There was no question of Mr Robertson disobeying the dress stipulations. It would have been an insult to the Prince.

 A fuller picture begins to emerge of the important work being done by Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio. On Thursday, he held a meeting for all junior ministers. While he talked civil servants were stunned to see the new ministers behaving like eunuchs of the Ming court, obediently nodding and taking down notes as their master spoke wide-rangingly of departmental logos.

Deep freeze

ARRIVING at the Grosvenor House Arts and Antiques Fair on Thursday evening, Baroness Thatcher ran into her old friend

Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare on his way out. What hap-pened next made Mussolini's invasion of Abyssinia look like a fair fight. As soon as she spotted Archer, Lady Thatcher's face froze into a terrifying, imperial mask, the sort of face Africans would carve in wood.

Archer began to quail. He even started backing off, Lady T moved in, flanked by her husband Sir Denis. Archer was soon in a corner.



Stares: Archer and Thatcher

then after a few moments turned and walked away. Not a word had passed between the two.

him. She watched him squirm,

Ivana be alone

DESPAIR has set in among London's canapé crowd at the news that Ivana Trump, socialite, has failed to arrive in town for The Season. In previous years, her arrival has been metronomie,

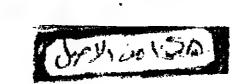
Fears were raised on Thursday night, when she did not show up at the gala preview of the Grosvenor House Arts and Antiques Fair in Park Lane, de rigueur for her class. There was still no sign of her last night, when she and her current husband, the Italian businessman Riccardo Mazzuchelli, were due to host a dinner party in aid of the Accademia Italiana. Sixteen guests had paid £125 each for the privilege of dining with the couple in their Knightsbridge home.

"Ivana is a very busy woman. She has decided to stay in New York to make some speeches," says a bereft Mazzuchelli, who in his wife's absence has been forced to



employ an extra eight staff to ar-

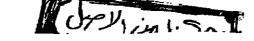
I am hoping that she will be in London by the end of next week because she is due to appear on QVC (a cable shopping channel). he adds forlornly. Meanwhile, Ascut's Royal Enclosure is bracing itself for the unthinkable - Ladies' Day without Ivana.





Apart: Ivana and husband

range the dinner, three alone to do the flowers.



From Mr Philip Langridge

Sir. Melvyn Bragg (The accused de-

serves the right to reply", Arts, June 9)

is right when he says that "the critics

say whatever they want in public"; but

actually so do we the artists. We say

what we believe in public through our

chosen artistic medium, and there are

Surely the whole point of the arts is

to probe and question. We do this in

our own individual ways — I as an

opera singer — and yet there is a risk of taking ourselves too seriously.

that the reviewer (a better word than "critic") is usually negative, but in my

experience praise is often given where

For me, the saddest part of the deal

is that some readers who do not attend

a performance will accept a review as

fact and become experts in that which

Perhaps we could compromise by

beginning any review with a state-

ment that this is only one person's in-

formed opinion on that particular day

and (as is often mentioned in your fin-

ancial pages) that the value of praise

"may rise as well as fall" in subse-

Sir, My thanks as a poet to Melvyn

Bragg for another thought-provoking

piece; especially for the unlikely pros-

pect of makers and critics "arguing"

As an instance of an artist who has

suffered the careless lash of the critics,

Mr Bragg cites R. B. Kitaj, the painter

whose "revenge play on canvas" has just won a £25,000 award for "the

most distinguished" work at the Royal

Academy's Summer Exhibition (re-

they have not experienced.

quent performance.

PHILIP LANGRIDGE,

Wellfield House, Brook,

Nr Godalming, Surrey.

From Mr Colin Simms

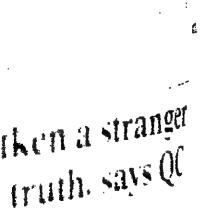
Yours faithfully,

The article seemed to me to assume

many different ways of saying it.



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IN AMSTERDAM

Blair's first serious international test

Against the background of yesterday's unusually public Franco-German deadlock over the French demands for a European public works programme to boost employment. Tony Blair flies to Amsterdam today. This summit, which is intended to finalise a new European Union treaty to succeed that of Maastricht, is his first important international test. It will not be an easy one.

The Prime Minister is making his sixth journey across the Channel in as many weeks. Since taking office, he has been keen to make the most of his promised "fresh start" in Europe. This is sensible, since fresh starts are, by definition, time-limited. In these initial get-to-know-you encounters his European colleagues have accorded him a warm welcome, not just because goodwill reaps its rewards but because Mr Blair has about him the aura of the EU's most conspicuously popular and successful politician. But this is not to say that Mr Blair has put them entirely at ease. On the contrary, the coalitions of the Left which currently dominate the EU find new Labour's brand of secialism disconcerting and even irritating: they had not expected such zeal for economic deregulation and flexible labour markets.

The polite preliminaries are now over. This summit is about decisions, not moud music; and the final Dutch draft released on Thursday contains clauses that are clearly, and in some instances unexpectedly, inimical to British interests. On the Continent, this treaty is seen as only a minor step to deeper integration. That is not the case.

The issue to which the Government has given most prominence is Britain's control over its borders. In the name of "freedom, security and justice", it is proposed to incorporate into the treaty the Schengen accord eliminating frontiers signed by 13 of the EU's 15 states. Fearing that judgments in the European Court could render an opt-out vulnerable to erosion, the Government has demanded a legally watertight guarantee that Britain retains complete sovereignty

over its frontiers and immigration controls. Since the Government also insists on a full say in the way the new regime works, there is grumbling about Britain wanting to have its cake and eat it too. The new draft indicates, however, that Britain will get what it wants. The same cannot confidently be said about three other vital matters: trade, defence and the rules governing future extensions of co-operation under EU auspices.

Trade is one of the rare issues on which Britain ought to be battling hard for adding to the Commission's powers. It makes sense for the EU to speak with one voice in international trade negotiations and the Commission has a good record of standing up to protectionist pressures from EU governments. It wants the treaty to extend its existing mandate, which covers only trade in goods, to services and intellectual property. This is by no means the "secondary issue" that some diplomats in Brussels have suggested. If the Blair Government is serious about making Europe competitive, here is where it should be seen to lead the freetrading Benelux and Nordic countries against the protectionists headed by France.

Such a positive commitment to European integration would also help Mr Blair to keep the veto ready, as he must, against two other proposals. The first is the Franco-German plan to absorb the Western European Union into the EU - a move Britain has consistently opposed on the ground that the EU is not and should never be a military alliance. The second is "flexibility", the arrangement whereby some EU countries may embark on fresh areas of co-operation which others do not want to join. Britain agrees with the principle - but only if any such decision is unanimous. Mr Blair's Dutch friends have abruptly changed the draft to make this a matter for qualified majority vote. Britain is almost certain to be isolated. Even if that appals Mr Blair, it should not deter him.

The Prime Minister's ambitions for Amsterdam go beyond the immediate business of this negotiation. Together with Gordon Brown, he has begun a crusade for the dynamic economic and labour market policies that alone can generate, through enhanced growth and competitiveness, the jobs Europe needs. The message falls on stony ground for now; governments are too obsessed with the struggle to fit inside the EMU straitjacket. But the more strains appear in the EMU project, the more necessary will be a new strategy around which European publics as well as governments can unite. Mr Blair's understanding that language matters had much to do with his election victory. It could yet be the key to a successful British strategy for Europe.

HEALTHY FIGURES

Labour should keep tax relief on healthcare for the over-60s

There are often good reasons why the insurance for those over 60 but will then find unthinkable has not been thought, and a shrewd politician will ensure that policy reviews are properly focused on reforms which have a sporting chance of enactment. It is, nevertheless, a shade unfortunate for Frank Dobson that his honest, and undoctrinaire, attempt to get to grips with the funding crisis in the health service should have been sabotaged by scares.

There is a case for reviewing charges in the NHS. The principle of free care at the point of need was breached almost at birth by the 1945-51 Labour Government. Charges may deter some but will also make the behaviour of others more rational. The current review, however, has only just begun. Where Labour can be criticised is on a policy already in place which elevates egalitarianism above efficiency.

The Government is committed to abolishing tax relief on private medical insurance for those over 60. The change should yield. on the basis of 1995-96 figures, around £100 million for the Exchequer. It will damage the private medical sector and for no overwhelming benefit. The sum that would be raised by abolition would currently cover

the NHS's wage bill for just 32 hours. That gain is, in any case, likely to be wiped out by the burden placed on the NHS from those currently taking advantage of the scheme who will no longer be able to afford insurance. Insurers calculate that at least a third, and probably more, of those over 60 who enjoy insurance cover will drop out. The taxpayer will have clawed back 23 per cent of the cost of all private medical himself covering the healthcare costs for at least 33 per cent of those people. Although the Exchequer might think that

it will gain by recouping 23 per cent of the premiums while only bearing costs, and thus gains a sure thing in return for a risk, the reality of healthcare for the over-60s makes it a bad bargain. The insurers estimate that at least 80 per cent, and in some cases up to 100 per cent, of premiums in that age range are paid back in treatment claims. On the most optimistic industry estimate, the NHS will find itself paying more to care for patients no longer privately insured than it could hope to gain from the abolition of tax relief. The insurers' guess that the NHS will lose £200 million. It is a curious piece of surgery which would see Labour cutting off its fiscal nose to spite its public face.

Away from the actuarial drawing board, there are broader policy reasons for reversing this pledge. The rationale behind any form of charging, even on existing prescriptions, is a broad attempt to ensure that those who can afford it make a contribution to their own care. Encouraging any citizen to take out private provision relieves the burden on the health service. Rather than forcing patients who use the NHS to contemplate charges, why not tempt more people to pay for their care outside? The NHS could then use the same resources for fewer patients, and would be more capable of providing care without additional charges. Both for those who wish to go private, and those who could never afford to do so, it would be both more rational and more reassuring.

SQUARING THE STONE CIRCLE

Ancient Stonehenge needs modernisation, and money

Stonehenge has cut its stark silhouette against the Wiltshire skies for more than five millennia. Its origins are wreathed in mystery. Now its future is beginning to appear equally uncertain.

The tranquillity of this prehistoric site has long been disrupted by modernity. Only 300 yards away the A344 slices through the landscape. More seriously, the rumble of traffic on the A303 trunk road sets the stones vibrating for 18 out of 24 hours. Conservationists express grave concern. English Heritage, the quango that owns the site, has proposed a £44 million project to grass over the nearest road and build a visitor centre three miles away. This would restore the windswept plains to their desolation. Yesterday the Millennium Commission refused to provide half the funds for the project from

Too cavalier an attitude has been taken to lottery cash. many of our monuments. In London the postwar development of Paternoster Square still blights the setting of St Paul's Cathedral. The Tower of London stands marooned amid polluted highways. It would be overly complicated to disrupt the tight urban infrastructure of our capital, but Stonehenge, with its more accomodating setting in rural Witshire, lends itself more easily to major improvement. A million people visit Stonehenge a year,

of whom more than half find it disappointing. Its tourist facilities are dismal. An educational centre would help to guide people through the topography of an area which includes some 450 prehistoric sites. It would also divert the bored or impatient tourists who linger in the stone circle. trampling and damaging its surrounds.

The hostile barriers which now surround and sully the primeval purity of the site would be dismantled. Those with a serious interest, or who seek to communicate more closely with our ancient heritage, would be able to study the stones at close quarters.

In the past five years, some £2 million has been spent researching the alternative scheme for Stonehenge. This money must not be wasted. If the Millennium Commission's objections really are insuperable, this is an ideal opportunity for enterprising elements within the private sector to take up the challenge of investing in our heritage. It ought to be a profitable venture both for the investors and for the nation.

Tories invited to

newly elected Conservative leader will be the appointment of the party chair-

Although politics can't be directly compared with business, few people would invest in a major company which had four executive chairmen in five years. The new leader should not, therefore, appoint someone simply as a reward for the work that they have done in his leadership campaign. We

The party chairman must be a good listener and have a warm personality. to inspire and enthuse party workers. He must also have presentational skills and be receptive to new technol-

He has to find a little time each standing success.

men, one to travel around the country, 'cuddling" party workers and helping to bring new people into the party, while the other is based at Central Office, developing political strategy and ensuring that Central Office is run economically and efficiently.

and the right chairman, we can then start our fightback.

FELDMAN. June 12

root opinion.

Whilst the survey took account of the views of natural Ken Clarke supporters, such as Members of the European Parliament, it did not cover the branch chairmen of the youth sections of the Conservative Party. Our own survey of the opinions of Young Conservative branch chairmen prior to the first round revealed 57 per cent William Hague, if per cent for Peter Lilley, 8 per cent each for John Redwood and Ken Clarke and 7 per cent for Michael Howard.

The Conservative Party desperately needs an energetic leader, committed to reform of the party, who can attract more young supporters. It also needs a leader who can unite the grassroot supporters in their opposition to a single currency. It is overwhelmingly the view of young members of the party that William Hague is the can-

National Chairman. Young Conservatives, 32 Smith Square, SWI.

Sir, The next Conservative Party leader should be able to appeal to the entire student population. The party needs a leader who can embrace the pragmatic centre ground of British politics, espousing the free-market politics with a social conscience to which ordinary students can relate. More importantly, we need a leader whom students from every walk of life can respect - a leader who can appeal

Kenneth Clarke is the only candidate who can do this: his compassionate social outlook and his commitment to the opportunities which European Union membership affords strike a chord with students. Not only does he understand how to run the successful market economy upon which graduate jobs depend but his down-to-earth nature makes him the natural choice of centre-right students.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW REID (National Chairman. Conservative Students, 1994-95), JUSTIN POWELL-TUCK (1995-96). MICHAEL HALL (1996-97). 21 Charlbert Court, Charlbert Street, NW8. June 12

From Mrs Elspeth Foster

Sir, Having always voted Conservative I am appalled at the apparent arrogance of the party when it comes to voting for the new leader. They are completely ignoring the stated wishes of the rank and file. We do not want William Hague — we have said so through the constituency chairmen and yet, still, our handful of MPs are bent on imposing him on us as leader.

Kenneth Clarke has clout, credibility and parliamentary presence. Furthermore, he cannot be accused of being boring.

Yours etc. ELSPETH FOSTER. 55 Vale Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Artists review critics' performance listen and learn

From Lord Feldman

Sir, The most important task of the

As Chairman of the National Union between 1991 and 1990, I had the opportunity of working with four party chairmen - each with different personalities, abilities, skills and experience.

need a long-term chairman.

week to walk around Central Office, talking to people in their offices and building morale. He does not need to be an MP - I can remember the days of the Thatcher/Thorneveroft duo. which for many years was an out-

There may be a case for joint chair-

All in all, this is a complex job (or jobs), but once we get the right leader.

Yours faithfully. House of Lords.

From the National Chairman of the Young Conservatives

Sir, Much has been made of this week's survey of grassroot Conservative opinion on the leadership election. The consultation clearly showed that the campaign is a two-horse race between Ken Clarke and William Hague. However, the survey did not provide a complete picture of grass-

didate best placed for the lob.

Yours faithfully, JASON D. HOLLANDS,

From Mr Andrew Reid and others the long-term unemployed.

cently, the real issue is not the media's portrayal of charities' work but the

ing public funds. As an undoubted good cause, job-creation schemes would be an uncon-

From Mr Nicholas Potter

ports and photographs, May 28 and

Another who suffered the same fate

was the Scottish poet Hugh MacDiarmid, who introduced me to Kitaj's work some 20-odd years ago. He predicted to me then that Kitaj would suf-fer "at least as much" as he had; but we agreed it was perhaps better to have even bitter critics than no notice at all, which is what happened and does happen to too many true "makars" (Scots: creator/poet), often until their careers are mature or even over.

Who knows how they might be affected, their work modified, by timely critical attention? But in the end, as MacDiarmid and many another have declared, few critics really matter, and true artists often have (not merely say they have) literally no time for critics or for arguing with them. Real work must go on ...

Yours faithfully, COLIN SIMMS, Cross Fell Cottage. Garrigill, nr Alston, Cumbria.

From Mr Ken Rowat

Sir, In my view, as a writer and a former painter, an "artists bite back" feature would quickly run out of steam. Genuine artists are usually too preoccupied with their work to bother with enervating polemics.

Such an arena would also be of questionable benefit to practitioners in the visual arts, for while writers can defend themselves effectively, most painters and sculptors make a hash of trying to express themselves coherentwith words.

We might as well let the critics have plenty of rope — they have always proved so entertainingly good at hanging themselves.

al reform, is well known. It is equally

well known that the discussions of

these committees are confidential.

That has been the invariable practice

ists would not be doing their job if

they did not attempt to question me at my first press briefing on the develop-

ment of that programme. In due time

I will be giving interviews on this, too. Meanwhile, what was needed was a

focused press briefing on the subjects

There was no "implied threat of pos-

sible banishment if they did not do as

they were told". On the contrary, I see

great merit in being open and frank

with the press about the subjects on

After the briefing, when my press

officer was showing the journalists

out, she indeed said: "I look forward

to seeing what you all write tomor-

row." We certainly did. What they

(Director of Educational Services).

Sir, Mr Mandelson suggests charities should adopt more of the techniques

of political spin-doctors in order to exploit the media better.

emulate his success but lack the pro-

fessional know-how to make news-

worthy stories from the many positive

achievements of the voluntary sector

and not just from the usual scandals

We recruit retired people with wide-

ranging managerial or professional

experience and place them as volun-

teers with other charities needing

their expertise. With a few more PR

professionals coming forward to offer

their skills - perhaps just for one or

two days a week - we could start to

make Peter Mandelson's vision a

Bear Wharf, 27 Bankside, SEI.

Yours sincerely. JILL I. MUNDAY.

Director, Reach.

Many charities would be happy to

Sir Peter will consider.

wrote was full and fair.

IRVINE of LAIRG.

House of Lords.

ROGER OPIE

The Industrial Society.

48 Bryanston Square, WI.

From the Director of Reach

Robert Hyde House,

June 13.

of successive governments. Journal-

Yours faithfully. KEN ROWAT. 24 George Street, Sherborne, Dorset.

Press freedom

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, I have long upheld press freedom. On becoming Lord Chancellor I resigned after a long stint on the Appointments Commission to the Press Complaints Commission. Mr Howard Gander's notion (letter, June 13) that I would threaten press freedom is

Labour had a manifesto commitment to undertake a wide-ranging review both of Lord Woolf's proposed reforms of civil justice and of legal aid. Press briefings are for the specialist press. I invited all the specialist legal correspondents to a briefing on the day after I appointed Sir Peter Middieton to conduct the review. It was confined to the subject of the review. This is the single most important subject that I have to address in my first year as Lord Chancellor. No one could doubt that it merits a press briefing for specialists in its own right.

My chairmanship of key Cabinet committees, concerned with the Government's programme of constitution-

troversial destination for the National The business of charity Lottery's substantial profits. Yours faithfully.

From Mr Roger Opie

Sir, Peter Mandelson's call for a partnership for job creation between the Government and charities and voluntary organisations is a most welcome initiative (report, June 9). The not-for-profit sector could provide an invaluable working environment for jobless young people as well as for

Charities have had to become extremely businesslike in a world of limited resources; working in this sector is not simply a question of campaigning for just causes, worthwhile though that clearly is. Skills and capabilities can be acquired that will boost anyone's employability. High standards of ethical behaviour, sometimes lacking elsewhere, are usually to be found.

Mr Mandelson also urges charities to adopt more sophisticated techniques when dealing with the media. Although there has been no short-

age of unfavourable coverage recommitment of government to help both young people and the not-forprofit sector. Mr Mandelson could create a success without overstretch-

Trees in Oxfordshire

Sir, Mr Nicholas Albery, who pro-

poses the planting of an avenue of the most common British trees as a millennium project (letter, June 3), may like to know that the Oxfordshire Woodland Group is establishing an arboretum along similar lines at a site near Wittenham Clumps, south of Oxford. The inaugural tree - a native oak - was planted in December 1996.

The trees are not planted in the alphabetical order that Mr Albery proposes: that would not suit the landscape or the shape of the wood, and it is simply not natural. The physical characteristics of trees have to be takèn into account - a group of Wellinetonia could soon suppress groups of walnut and whitebeam planted on

Each species has its own informally shaped block, so that the overall effect will eventually be that of mature woodland, providing a wide range of wildlife habitats as well as catering for educational needs. Commonly confused species, such as Common oak and Sessile oak, are being planted next to each other for comparative purposes.

Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS POTTER (Chairman, Oxfordshire Woodland Group). Lees Rest, Charlbury, Oxfordshire. June 9.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Dilemma facing the Fitzwilliam

From the Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum

Sir, In their rush to judgment on the proposed extension to the Fitzwilliam Museum's Founder's Building designed by George Basevi, both Marcus Binney (report, June 7) and John Adamson (article, same day) overlooked the overall development plan for the museum of which the proposed north wing is a part.

Among the drawings which Basevi supplied to the university there is a plan, dated June 29, 1836, which shows lateral extensions to the north and south of his proposed building. When Smith & Brewer's south extension was projected in 1922 there were objections (not from Peterhouse, who sold the land for the purpose) which the resounding success of their Marlay galleries overcame.

It is not surprising that John Miller's designs raise concerns, but they deserve careful consideration, not dismissal out of hand. Far from demolishing any part of Basevi's building, Miller's proposed addition to the north side is both modest in scale and highly respectful. Its one offence, apparently, is to be visible from Peter-

house. The north wing forms part of a larger scheme which includes, for £10.9 million, another building in the courtyard at the southern end of the museum. Both are designed to make up the deficit of space which has existed in the museum throughout the century. They also reflect important changes in museum use; less to do with the growth of the collections than with caring for them, displaying them and interpreting them in one of the world's finest university museums.

Mr Adamson admits no such functions for this or any museum. Instead he treats buildings as works of art isolated from their purposes. It is a sad reflection that, from the other side of the garden wall, the museum is seen by some only as a facade.

Yours faithfully, DUNCAN ROBINSON, Director. The Fitzwilliam Museum. Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

From Dr Selby Whittingham

Sir, If Mr Adamson's analysis of museums' tendency to perpetual growth is correct, then the abandonment of the proposed extension to the Fitzwilliam Museum's Basevi Building for which he pleads can only be the postponement of an evil. In due course even bigger extensions on the same site will be needed and eventually covetous eyes will be turned on Peterhouse itself.

On the same day as Mr Adamson's article, you report the problems Cambridge experiences from having too many visitors. A vital society would create new centres of excellence rather than inflate existing ones until they burst. The adage that either museums grow or die is disproved by those enjoyably modest ones to which the power of enlarging their collections has been denied by their founders.

Yours faithfully, SELBY WHITTINGHAM, Turner House, 153 Cronwell Road, SW5.

Controlled fusion

From Professor M. G. Haines

Sir. Your report, "Big lasers pose threat to peace, experts say" (June 5). states scientists' fear that large lasers currently being developed in the US and France may lead to devices able to ignite thermonuclear explosions without the need for a fission trigger. The report did not say that these lasers will be the size of Wembley Stadium and, for all their precision and power, will only trigger sufficient fusion energy to

The purpose of these lasers is essentially scientific and is part of the mission "Stockpile Stewardship".

In keeping with the Non-Prolifera-tion Treaty, the experimental data obtained will help verify computer simulations related to the maintenance of Western nuclear defence in the absence of underground tests. There is no new weapon here, but indeed, as stated, it could be a stepping-stone to controlled fusion.

Yours sincerely, M. G. HAINES, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, The Blackett Laboratory, Prince Consort Road, SW7.

Talking point

From Professor Alec Eden

Sir, This morning I received a letter from a company describing themselves as "international publishing consultants". It referred to a letter of mine that you were recently kind enough to publish in your columns (May 26).

This letter, I am informed, "shows outstanding literary merit and an exceptionally high standard of creative writing. It was the subject of our week-

ly discussion group".
What was the object of these consultants' adulation? It was what I refer to as "a bottom right-hand corner oneliner", a single sentence of 26 words.

Yours faithfully, ALEC EDEN, The Thatched House, Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 13: His Excellency Archbishop Luigi Barbarito was received in farewell audience by The Queen this morning and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Apostolic Nuncio from the Holy See to the Court of St James's and upon retiring as Doyen of the

Diplomatic Corps. His Excellency Dr Richard Grant was received in audience by Her Majesty upon his appointment as High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.

Mrs Grant was also received by The Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh, Colo-

nel, Grenadier Guards, this evening presided over a Conference attended by the Colonels of the Regiments of the Household Division and subsequently enter-tained the Colonels to Dinner at Buckingham Palace. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 13: The Princess Royal, Visitor. Dorothy House Foundation Macmillan Service, this morning visited the House at Winsley. Bradford-on-Avon, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire (Lieutenant General Sir Maurice

CLARENCE HOUSE June 13: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief. accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh. Deputy Colonel-In-Chief, today visited Catterick Garrison, when Her Majesty, on

June 13: The Prince of Wales this morning gave a Reception to launch the Disability Partnership, formerly The Prince of Wales's Group on Disability. at St James's Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

His Royal Highness this afternoon gave a Reception to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of India and Pakistan's Independence. The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Welsh Guards, this evening attended the Senior Colonels' Con-ference and Dinner at Buck-

behalf of The Queen, presented a

new Guidon to The Queen's Royal

Hussars (The Queen's Own and

The Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Alastair Aird, Lieutenant Colonel

Charles Richards and Major

Charles MacEwan were

Royal Irish).

KENSINGTON PALACE June 13: The Duke of Gloucester, Commissioner, English Heritage, returned to London at the conclu-sion of the Commissioners' Annual Tour to Cornwall.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited West Sussex and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Major General Sir Philip Wardi

Her Royal Highness attended a Service in Chichester Cathedral to mark the Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Prebendal School and later opened the new main building of St Richard's Hospital. Chichester.

Abingdon School

The following have been elected to Foundation Scholarships (list in

S/Abingdon S. (Honorary).

Music Exhibitions
Edward Alien. St. Andrews S/
Abingdon S: Hujong Chi. Friderwide Middie S. Oxford: Benjamin
Darling. Goring CPS/ Abingdon S:
Hugh Langiord. Streatey CPS/
Abingdon S: Thomas Richards, St
Edmund's RCPS/Abingdon S.
Michele Taropi, New College S:
Edward Webber. St. Nicolas
CES/Abingdon S.
Art and Design Exhibitions

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Queen will take the Salute at The Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards at 11.00 and will take the Salute at a Fly Past of RAF Aircraft from the Balcony of Buckingham Palace at 1.00. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will be present. Princess Margaret, President, will attend a gala dinner at Drumoig.

Leuchers. Fife, at 8.05 in aid of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. during the Drumoig golf invita-TOMORROW: The Duchess of Gloucester. Vice Patron. The Queen's Club. will attend a lun-

cheon and later present the prizes at the Stella Artois Championship Men's Singles Final at Palliser Road, Lundon W14 at 12.25. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron. the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, will attend the Surrey v

Yorkshire cricket match, at the Oval at 1.45.

Janet Lady Falkiner

Lady Falkiner, late of Wood Street, Barnet, wishes to be styled Janet Lady Falkiner.

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, Aberdeen: 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch: 6.30 Choral E. ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Euch. Rutter in D. O blest are those (Inwood). Rev T Scott: 3.15 Ch E. Noble in B minor, The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley).

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 Ch C.

Come, let's rejoice (Amner), Missa collegium regale (Howells): 3.30 S. Responses (Clücas), Give us the wings of

faith (Bullock).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP.

9.15 HC: 11 Ch. Euch. Thee we adore
(Mawby). Rev C Chapman: 4 Ch. E.
Responses (Sanders), Dyson in D.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15
Ch. M. Deep River (Saunders). Canon
Hindley: 10.30 Euch. Wood in the
Phryelan Mode. Rev B Humphdes: 4 Ch.
E. Beatus vir (Monteverdi). Canon
Gaistee.

Galilee.

BRECON CATHEDRAL'S Euch: 11 M. Te
deum in F (Ireland). O Lord, give thy
Holy Spirit (Tall)s), Canon B Jones: 3.30
E. Westey in F. Thou will keep him in
perfect peace (Westey).

period beach (Wesley).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M; 8 HC:
10 Ch Euch, If ye love me (Taills), Missa
brevis (Ives), Rev T Whatmough; 3.30 Ch
E, Responses (Smith), Rejoice in the Lord
(Purcell), the Dean.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M: 11 S Euch. Messe Solennelle (Langlais). Rev J Giles: 3.15 E. Responses (Llovd). Collegium Regale (Tavener): 6.30 Es. Rev P Heartfield.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F. Ave verum corpus (Mozari), the Dean: 3 E. Responses (Smith), Dyson in F.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8 HC: 10 30 S Euch, Jackson in G. Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), the Provost, 6 cf E. Responses (Tornkins). Stanford in G. the Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 10 Ch Euch, Set me as a seal (Walton). Canon James Newcome: 11.30 Ch M. Responses (Clucas). Te Deum (Howells).

Third Sunday after Trinity

Art and Design Exhibitions
Nicholas Betteridge, Dragon S:
David Rowley, Shatin JS, Hung
Kong/Abingdon S. Canon T Dennis; 3.30 Ch E, Responses (Jackson), Lord, how long wilt thou be angry? (Purcell); 6.30 ES, Canon T Dennis.

Dennis.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M. Collegium Regale (Howells), Rev E Knapp-Fisher; 11 S Euch, Mass for Four Voices (Byrd), 0 sacrum convivium (Archer), Ven Hugh Glaisyer; 3:30 E. CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Oxford: M. Williams in G. Canon Jeffrey; 8 Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), the Archdeacon: E. Purcell in B, For Io I raise up (Stanford).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7:40 MP: 8:0-

up istantoro). COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8 C: 10.30 Euch. Stanford in C & F: I will arise (Parker), the Archdeacon; 5 E. O praise the Lord (Banen): Responses (Reading). the Lord (Banen): Responses (Reading).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M, Stanford in C. Canon M Perry: 11.15 HC. Missa brevis in B flat (Mozart), the Dean; 3.30 E. the Second Service (Gibbons). Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles (Byrd). ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch. 1 will sing unto the Lord (Amner), the Lord Bishop: 3.45 E. Second Service (Gibbons). See, see the word is incarnate (Gibbons).

(Gibbons).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S

Euch. O Come ye servants of the Lord
(Tye), the Dean: 11.15 M: Haec est Dies
(Handl): 3 E Insange et vanae curae
(Haydn), 4.30 Hospiscare Service: 6.30

ES. The Lord is my shepherd (Schubert). GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10.15 Euch, Unie organ mass (Haydn), Canon N Chaifield: 12.15 HC: 3 E. To thee O Lord (Rachmaninov), My beloved

thee O Lord (Rachmaninov), My beloved spake (Sanders).
GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Canon J Schoffeld: 11.15 M. Alleiufa, 1 heard a voice (Weelkes), Rev Prof D Martin: 6.30 E, And I saw a new heaven (Balmon).
HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Lead me Lord (Wesley), Sr Nicholas Mass (Havdn), The Archdeacon: 1 30 M, Stanford in A. Postiude in D minor (Stanford). LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M: 10,30 Euch. Darke in E. Awaken us O

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Royal Navy Barristers held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Captain D.R. Humphrey, Chief Naval Judge Advocate, presided. Among

others present were: The Judge Advocate of the Fleet, the Chief Naval Supply Officer, the Admiral President of the College, the Director of Legal Services RAF, the Director of Army Legal Services and Mr Justice Douglas

King's African Rifles and East African Forces Dinner Club Major-General R.S.N. Mans, president-elect, was the principal guest at the 50th anniversary dinner of the King's African Rifles and East African Forces Dinner Club held last night at Over-Seas House, \$1 James's. Brigadier M.W. Biggs. president, was in the

Service luncheon The Cameronians (Scottish

Colonel J.N.D. Lucas presided at a luncheon of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club.

Dinner

Feltmakers' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented the Feltmakers' Company's Felimaker award for 1997 to Miss Toshiko Kubo of Kensington and Chelsea College at a dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Nicholas Mellstrom, Master of the Feltmakers' Com-pany, assisted by the Wardens, presided. Lord Hussey of North Bradley also spoke.

Luncheons

Fruiterers's Company Mr Derek Tullett, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, accompanled by the Wardens, Liverymer and their ladies, yesterday planted fruit trees at Chateau Mouton Rothschild in France, and were entertained at luncheon by Bar oness Philippine de Rothschild who had earlier received the gift of Securities Institute

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Siephen Brooks, Buckler's Mead
Com S, Yeovil/Abingdon S, (Mercers'); Thomas Ainsworth, Dragon
S, (Mercers'); Mark Nowouth, Dragon
S, (Mercers'); Mark Nowouth, New
College S; Thomas Garton Ash,
Dragon S; John Findlay, New
College S; Conrad Mason, Dragon
S; Tom Gallard, St Andrew's S,
(Duxbury); Thomas Adams, Dunmore PS/Abingdon S; Julian
Tolan, Josca's Prep S; Partick Vale,
New College S; Christopher
Brookes, Dragon S; Michele Taroni,
New College S; Jonathan Clare, Si
Andrew's S; Jamle Hedges, Dragon
S; John Sturko, Rush Common
CPS/Abingdon S; Martin Rowland.
Our Lady's Convent S/Abingdon S;
Nicholas Evans, Wantage CES/
Abingdon S.

Figure: The Lord Mayor was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Securities Institute held yesterday at Centurion House. Mr Graham Ross Russell, chairman, presided.

Christopher Sharp

A memorial service for Christopher Sharp, CBE. Managing Director, Northern Rock. President. International Union for Housing Finance, former Chair-man of The Building Societies Association and Council for Mortgage Lenders, will be held on Monday, June 23, at All Saints, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, at

Weekend birthdays

The Queen celebrates her official birthday today.

TODAY: Dr Sir James Black.

FRS. pharmacologist, 73; Mr Paul Boateng, MP, 46; Darne Florence Cayford, former member, LCC and GLC, 100; Professor Peter Fowler, archaeologist, 61; Miss Steffi Graf, tennis player, 28; Lady Healey, writer, 79; Mr Stuart Holmes, registrar (protocol), Westminster Abbey. 49; Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, former chairman, Henry Ansbacher Holdings, 79; Mrs Yvonne Moores, chief nursing officer, Department of Health, Sc. Sir Gerrard Peat, chartered accountant, 77; Mr Jonathan Raban, author, 55; Lord Rathcavan, 58; Dame Rosemary Rue, former president, BMA, 69: Professor Sir Trevor Smith. Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster, 60; Mr James Wright, Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle upon Tyne University, 58: Mr Mike

TOMORROW: Mr Richard Baker, broadcaster, 72; Mr Simon Callow, actor, 48; Sir Tim

Today BIRTHS: Thomas Pennant, natu-

ralist, Downing, Flintshire, 1726; Charles Augustin de Coulomb,

physicist, Angoulême, France, 1736; Harriet Beecher Stowe, nov-

elist. Litchfield, Connecticut, 1811; John McCormack, tenor, Athlone,

1884: Che Guevara, guerrilla lead-

DEATHS: Sir Henry Vane, par-

liamentarian, executed, London, 1662: Colin Maclaurin, math-

ematician, Edinburgh, 1746: James

Short optician and astronomer,

London, 1768; Benedict Arnold

officer in American Revolution. later a traitor, London, 1801;

Giacomo Leopardi, poet, Naples, 1837; Edward Flugerald, trans-lator of The Rubdiydt of Omar Khayyam, Merton, Norfolk, 1883; Alexander Ostrovsky, dramatist

Shchelykova, Russia, 1886; Jerome

K. Jerome, author of Three Men in

a Boat, Northampton, 1927;

Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette,

London, 1928: G.K. Chesterton,

writer, Beaconsfield, Buckingham-

shire, 1936; Maxim Gorky, nov-

Baron Molyneaux of Killead

The life barony conferred upon Sir

James Henry Molyneaux has been

gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Molyneaux of Killead, of Killead in the County of

The life barony conferred upon Mr

John Evans has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Evans of Parkside, of St Helens in

Baron Lofthouse of Pontefract

The life barony conferred upon Sir

Geoffrey Lofthouse has been ga-zetted by the name, style and title

of Baron Lafthouse of Pontefract.

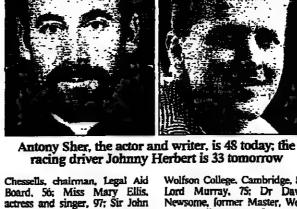
of Pontefract in the County of West

Baron Evans of Parkside

the County of Merseyside.

er, Rosario, Argentina, 1928.

Yarwood, impressionist, 56.



Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert, 66: the Right Rev Trevor Huddleston, founding patron, Action for Southern Africa, 84; Mr John Humphries, former chairman, Water Space Amenity Com-mission. 72; Mr Frank Jordan. former Chief Constable, Kent, 67; Mr H.G.N. Lee, former member of Davis Cup team, 90: Admiral

Wolfson College, Cambridge, 84; Lord Murray, 75; Dr David Newsome, former Master, Well-Fretwell, diplomat, 67; Air Chief ngton College, 68; Professor Pau Patterson, composer, 50; the Right Rev John Perry, Bishop of Chelmsford, 62; Mr John Redwood, MP, 46; Miss M.F. Rudland, Headmistress, Godolphin and Latymer School, 52: Mr Sukhdev Sharma, chief executive, Commission for Racial Equality. 51; the Rev Martin Smyth, MP, 66; Sir Ninian Stephen, former Governor-General of Australia, 74; Lord Whitty, 54. Sir Charles Madden, 91; Mr J.S. Morrison, former President,

Anniversaries

elist, Gorky, Russia, 1936; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Bexhill. Sussex, 1946; Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine writer, Geneva, 1986; Bernard Miles, actor, founder of the Mermaid Theatre. London, 1991.

The Royalists were defeated by Cromwell's New Model Army at Naseby, Northamptonshire, 1645. The Austrians were defeated by Napoleon at the Battle of Marengo, 1800,
The Germans entered Paris, 1940.
Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisorment, 1964.

BIRTHS: Edward the Black

Prince, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, 1330; Thomas Randolph, poet and dramatist, Deventry, 1605; Sidney Godolphin, 1st Earl of Godolphin, statesman. Helston, Cornwall, baptised this day, 1645; Hablot K. Browne (Phiz). illustrator, Kennington, 1815; Edvard Grieg,

The life Barony conferred upon Mr

Henry Paul Guinness Channon by

the name, style and title of Baron Kelvedon, of Ongar in the County

The barony conferred upon Mr David Patrick Paul Alton has been

gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Alton of Liverpool,

of Mossley Hill in the County of

Baron Mayhew of Twysden, OC

The barony conferred upon Sir

Patrick Barnabas Burke Mayhew.

QC, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron

Maybew of Twysden, of Kilndown

Baron Alton of Liverpool

Ion Antonescu, Romanian dic-tator, Pitesti, 1882: Harry Langdon, silent film comedian, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1884; Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1982-84, Naguts-kaya, Russia, 1914. DEATHS: Wat Tyler, leader of the

composer, Bergen, Norway, 1843;

Peasants' Revolt, executed, London, 1381; James Polk, 11th American President 1845-49, Nash-Eminescu, poet. Bucharest 1889. Charles Francis Bush, inventor of the arc lamp, Cleveland, Ohio, 1929; Percy George Herbert Fender, Surrey and England crick-eter, Exeter, 1985.

At Runnymede, near Windsor, King John set his seal on Magna Carta, 1215. The Duke of York laid the founds tion stone of the new London Bridge, 1825.

Charles Goodyear patented vulcanised rubber, 1844. The 49th parallel was established as the border between Canada and America, 1846.

Church news

The Rev Stephen Adams, Vicar, Badby w Newnham and Charwelton w Fawsley and Preston Capes (Peterborough): to be Rector, Peter and St Paul, Abington. The Rev Derek Akker, Vicar, St Stephen's and All Martyrs, Lever Bridge, Bolton (Manchester): to be Team Vicar, Wolstanton Team with special responsibility for Bradwell St Barnabas (Lichfield).

Lord Mayhew

The Speaker was represented by Mr Michael Martin, First Deputy Chairman. Ways and Means, at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Mayhew held on Thursday in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Forthcoming • marriages

Mr G.H. Ardern

and Miss C.V. Penney The engagement is announced between Gareth, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Ardern, of Interingham, Norfolk, and Claire. elder daughter of the Hon Martin and Mrs Penney, of Dulwich,

Mr T.I. McDogalo

and Miss C. Cornish-Bowden The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr Anthony and the Hon Mrs McDonald, of Somerset West, South Africa, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Simon Cornish-Bowden.

Mr P. Astbu

and Miss E.S. Davies The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Astbury, of Chester, and Emma Sian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Haydn Davies, of Boreham-

Mr M.W. Bygott

and Miss K. Davenport
The engagement is announced
between Mark, youngest son of Mr
and Mrs Roger Bygott, of Tetford, Lincolnshire, and Kathrine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Davenport, of Higham Hall, Leicestershire.

Mr LAH Charling and Miss V.R.W. Jackson

The engagement is announced between Leonard Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Charlton, of Southmoor. Oxfordshire, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Jackson, of Midgham Green, Berkshire.

Mr W.J. Holes and Miss I.C. Passini

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael William Holes, of Luton, and Charlotte, daughter of Mrs Cynthia Passini, of Hampstead, and the late Mr John Passini.

The engagement is announced between William David Stephen Darke, son of Mr and Mrs David Judith Anne, eldest daughter of the and Miss A.C. Bell

late Rev John and Mrs de Satgé. Mr I.M. Loveless The engagement is announced between lan, only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Loveless, of Hornchurch, Essex, and Andrea,

and Miss J.A. de Satgé

eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Bell, of Burnham-on-Sea. Somersel Mr G.R. Luxton

and Miss F.J. Derrick The engagement is announced between Gavin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Luxion, of Lake Macquarie, NSW, Australia, and Freya, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Derrick, of Lyming-

ton. Hampshire. Mr S.J. O'Flym and Miss E.A.M. Pfistermüller The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Squadron Leader Fenton O'Flynn, of York, and Mrs Marilyn Wilkinson, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Max Püstermüller, of

Harpenden, Hertfordshire. Mr A.D. Parsons and Miss J.D. Pietrangelo The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr Hampshire, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Carlo Pietrangelo, of New York.

Mr M.G.L. Whiteley and Miss L.J. Heal The engagement is announced between Marcus, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Whiteley and the late Mrs Flona Whiteley and stepson of Mrs Jane Whiteley, of Hatherleigh, Devon, and Louisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Heal, of Claygate,

urday, June 7, between Mr Mark

Harley Standish, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Standish, of Greenville,

North Carolina, and Miss Char-

lotte Melloney Mackinnon, daughier of the late Mr Thomas

Mackinnon and of Mrs Rowena

Mackinnon, of Milngavie. The
Very Rev Dr John Paterson

Marriages

Dr T.P.G. Sheeran and Miss A.R. Brown

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 7, 1997, at Holy Trinity RC Church, Sutton Coldfield, o Dr Thomas Patrick Gerard Sheeran, eldest son of Mr and Dr Edmond Sheeran, of Galway, Ireland, to Miss Angela Rogan Mrs Gordon Brown, of Sutton Coldfield, Canon William O'Sullivan officiated, assisted by Father Richard Dinnis and Father Sean

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Allson Murray, Mrs Tracey O'Donnell, Dr Rachael Sheeran, Miss Helen Sheeran. Phoebe O'Donnell and Grace Murray. Dr Padraig Sheeran was best man. A reception was held at The Belfry Hotel, Wishaw, and the

honeymoon is being spent in Mr M.H. Standish and Miss C.M. Mackinnon

The marriage took place on Sat-

Mr A.F. Tinsley and Miss M.M. Hogan The marriage took place on May

24, 1997, at The Lady Chapel, St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, of Mr Alan Tinsley, son of the late Mr and Mrs Edward Tinsley, to Miss Margaret Hogan, daughter of the late Mr Patrick Hogan and of Mrs Patrick Hogan, of Clonskeagh, Dublin, Canon Cecil Milis and Monsignor Seamus Conway officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother. Dr Thomas Hogan, was attended by Miss Patricia Hogan and Jean Hogan Mr Denis Tinsley was best

in the County of Kent. Church services tomorrow

Titles of new peers

Baron Kelvedon

of Essex.

Lord (Takeda), Canon J Sinciair
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10,30 S
Euch, Messe brevis (Leighton), Te Deum
in F (Ireland), Bishop of Qu'Appelle,
Canada: 3.10 S. Responses (Rose), O pray
for the peace of Jerusalem (Howella),
Bishop of West Malaysia.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC:
9.30 C. Thou shall come from the East
(Larsson), the Dean; 11.15 Euch, Missa
brevis (Kodaiy), Rev R Crossland: 12.30
HC: 3.45 E, Kelly in C: Arvo Pärt
(Beatitudes).

PIC: 3.45 E. Keity In C: AVO Part (Beatitudes).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP; 10.30 Clvic Service, Canon N Vincent; 3 British Legion Service, Canon N Frayling; 4 HC. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 Seuch. Mass for Four Voices (Byrd). Canon F Dexter: 6 Ch E. Responses (Rose). Had gladdening light (Wood). NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC: 10 30 S Euch. Darke in F. 1 sat down under the shadow (Bairstow). Canon R Hanmer: 6 E. Canon J Davies.

TEREOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M. Te Deum in B flat (Harrist: 10.30 Euch. Missa Aedis Christi (Mathlas); 3.30 E. Stanford in B flat. Hymn to St Cecilia (Howells). Vicar of St Paul's, Bedford. RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 9.30

Howelis, Vicar of St Paul's, Bedford.
RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch: 9.30
Euch. Missa Aeterna Christi Munera
(Palestrina), Canon M Glanville-Smith:
11 M. Grown Imperial (Walton),
Sumsion In G: 3.00 Ch Euch, Sabat
Mater (Pergolesi), The Bishop: 5.30 E.
(reland in F. O thou the central orb
(Wood), Canon Jeff King.
ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45
M: 10.30 S Euch, Missa brevis
(Radcliffe), Bishop of Tonbridge: 3.15 E.
Purcell in E minor, Regina Coell
(Mozart)
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10
Euch, Mozart in B flat, Prof D Bellamy:
11.45 M. Responses (Leighton), Come,
Holy Ghost (Attwood), Canon J Osborne.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MP: 10.30 \$ Euch, Spauermesse, Captain A Turner: 6.30 E. Responses (Leighton), Collegium Regale (Howells), Canon G Taylor.

White.

BOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M: 8 HC: 9.30 C. Archdeacon of Newark: 11 Queen's Birthday Service, Excels's Deo (Mozarl), the Bishop: 3.15 E. Blair in B minor, The Twelve (Walton).

(Hoist), the Chancellor.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15
C, Because the Lord is my shepherd
(Walker). Canon R Capper: 11 Euch.
Mass for five voices (Byrd). If ye love me
(Tailis). Canon R Gaper: 6.30 E.
Responses (Bielby), treland in F. the
Provost.

Messe solennelle (Vierne). Ven R F Acworth: 11.30 M. Te Deum (Weelkes). O Lord Increase our faith (Gibbons): 3 E. The Gloucuster Service (Howells). Preb G

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 10.30 M.

layior.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL'S Euch, the Provost: 11 Ch Euch, Missa O quam glortosum (Victoria), O for a closer walk with God (Stanford), the Provost; 3 Ch E, second service (Gibbons). Canon R White.

minor, The Twelve (Walton).

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9 M; 10 S

Euch, Sumsion in F, Let all mortal flesh
(Bairstow). Archdeacon of Bodmin: 6 E,
Responses (Leighton). Turn back, O man
(Holst), the Chancellor.

WELLS CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch

Ripley.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M.
Boyce in C. Sing joyfully (Byrd). Canon A
Harvey: 11.15 Euch, Missa brevis in D
(Mozari). Ave verum corpus (Mozari).
Canon D Hutt: 3 E. Greater love
(Ireland). Rev G Bradley: 6.30 ES, Rev P
Chester.

Jubilate in C (Britten). Sanctus (Alcock), the Dean; I 1.30 Euch, Aveverum corpus (Philips): 3.30 E. Magnificat (Stanford), the Archdeacon of Basingstoke.

YORK MINSTER: 8 HC: 10 S Euch Spatzenmesse (Mozart). Rev J Daly: | 1,30 M. Te Deum (Walton); 4 EP: 6 S. the ATCHORNOU.

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch. He watching over Israel (Mendelssohn). Rev P Harris: 11 M., Responses (Rosel. Te Deum in F (Ireland). the Dean: 12.15 HC: 6.30 E., Responses (Ruiter), 1 will lift up mine eyes (Walker), the Chaplain.

ST ASSAM CATHEDRAL Chand: 8 HC:

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC: 11 Ch Euch, Missa brevis in F (Mozari), Ven E Bryan Williams. en a byen winding.

T GILES CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8
IC; 10 MS. Missa brevis (Walton), the finister, 11.30 MS, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, the Minister: 6 Chapel hold BS. Rev J Williams. ET MARY CATHEDRAL & Buch: 10.30 S Euch, Mass in C minor (Williams), My soul, there is a country (Parry). The Provost: 3.30 CE. Gloucester Service (Howells), Blessed city (Bairstow).

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL Old Aberdeen: I I Rev R Frazer: 6 Rev D Molyneaux. Molyneaux. 5T PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC: 8.45M: 11 S Euch. The Rochester Mass (Perguson), Ven G Cassidy; 3.15 E. Alcock in D, Grest Lord of Lords (Wood), Rev T Gillum: 5 Organ Recita). Gillum: 5 Organ Recital.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
Ennismore Gardens. London, SW7:
10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and
traditional polyphony. Met Anthony.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, Wi: 8 &
5.15 LM: 10.20 MP: 11 HM. Ireland in C.
The Vicar. E & B. Bairstow in D. The
Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 D Turner: 6.30 Rev R Bewes. THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street. Wi:
11 Missa exultate deo (Cosset). Estote

fortes in belio (Vittoria).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC: 11
M. O thou the central orb (Wood), Rev D
Bean: 12.15 HC: 6 E, Mr. J Watherston.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH. CUP
ZON St. WI: 11 Sunday School.
CHOWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev S
Hood: 6.30 Rev S Hood. FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9,30, 12,30, 4.15, 6,15 LM; II HM. THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, 12,30, 4,30, 7; 3,30 V

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Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC; 11 Ch Euch.
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(Victoria). The Rector. 6.30 E. Great
Service (Parry). The Rector.
ST BRIDES, Fleet Street. EC4: 11 Ch
Euch, Stanford in C. Canon J Oates: 6.30
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flai, Canon J Oates.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Ch Euch.
Missa brevis (Leighton). Ave verum
corpus (Faure). Rev P Bishop.
ST COLLIMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street. SWI: 11 Rev W
Alexander Cairns: 6.30 Rev C MacLeod.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square. WI: 8
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ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS. WC2: 8
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6.30 ES. Rev C Herbert.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7
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MILTON - On June 8th at The Fortland Hospital, to Andrea (née O'Keeffe) and James, a son, Alexander Kaj Walter. MARRIAGES HOLDSWORTH - On 11th Jun 1997 at St Goorge's, Tooting, to Frances (née West) and Simon, a son, James Arthur George weighing 8lbs 11"-cz.

warriage took place on May 17th 1997 at St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham, between Christopher Godfrey of Bath and Juliet Halfpenor.

BOARD - On June 12th, peacefully in The Royal Marsden Hospital after a long illness bravely bome, Marian, beloved wife and soul haste of Patrick Funeral Service on Tuesday June 17th at Mortlake Crematorium at 10.30 am. No flowers by request but donations instead for the Macmillan Cancer Belief Fund or the Bristel Cancer Clinic may be sent to JH. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, London WB 6LA, tel: (0171) 937-0757. BREITEMBACH - June 12th 1997 Hans of Enatesburgesh

Cahon Leslie Stanley on 11th June 1997 pascafully aged 100 at The Camford Nursing Home, Exmouth. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth, on Trinity Church, Ermouth, on Thursday 19th June at 10.30sm, followed by interment at St John's, Winsford, Cheshire, on Friday 20th June at 9.45 am. Donations in Hou of flowers to The National Childrens Home c/o Crews & Son, Tower Street, Ermouth ESS

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CMADD - Col (Rnf) George V.N., OBE TD JP DL. High Steward of Southwold peacefully on 12th June 1997 in his 90th year, beloved husband of Margaret loving father and grandfather. Private family funeral. Thanksgiving Service at St Edmunds Service at St Edmunds Church, Southwold on Monday 7th July at 13.45. Donations if desired to Waveney & North Suffolk CRUSE c/o Woolnoughs Puneral Directors, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk Tak 01966 672204. CHATER - Leslie Vernon, aged 83, devoted husband of Binkia, died on June 10th 1997 in Maxico.

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HELL - On 9th june peacefully share the Ulman, at home in Wellingborough Stanley G. Hill aged 82 years. Beloved Husband of Lena and loving Father of Engu-and Peter. Formerly the Sanarinendent, and Chief

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JOHNSTON - Jill (née Marwell) died peacefully in her sleep on Friday 13th June 1997. Funeral Service will take place at Lodsworth on Wednesday 18th June at 2.30pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan

MARTIN - Graham John Solicitor with Crown Presention Sewice. Died to his steep Monday Jone 9th aged 82. A loving generous husband, father and friend to wife Margaret and daughter Stephanie who will also be missed by all his many friends and colleagues. Panesal Service to take place at West Herts Crematorium on Monday 16th June at 1.00 pm. Flowers to Phillips Funesal Services, St. Albans (01727) 451006. Donathous in his memory for RAF Senevelent Pend.

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NELSON - Sichard (Dick) A CMG, LVO. Much loved in the design of Oliva and letter of Paul, died saddenly on 6th June. Tel/fax: 01296 714337. PODD - Alfred Arthur dies FUND - Alfred Arthur died suddenly at home on 6th June, aged 76. Much loved, husband of Lily, devoted father to Roger and Susan and grandfather of Cilver. Funeral Service 2 pm Wednesday 18th June at North East Surray Crematerium, Morden, Surrey, Engulsies to F/D WA.

PROBERT - Major Toy: Roger Hilton Probert MC on Friday 13th June aged 100, peacefully at home in Portugal Bejowed husband of Ruth and much loved grandfather of Philip. Fusers Funeral private.
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SMILINGFORD - On june 12th, Doris Margaret (jili) at home. A very wonderful, loving and caring wife and mother to jack, Michael, Ann and James and dearest grandmother to xis, Beloved sister of Pat and friend to many. Family funeral and flowers, Donations if desired to the Princess Alice Hospica, Esher - c/o W. Berder, Tillington, Petworth, Susson.

NOMPSON - Owen Edgar died suddenly on June 11th 1997, Duarly lowed husband of Barban, fether of Mark and Karen and cherished by all who knew him. Funeral Service on Wednesday June 10th or Yeard Cromstock at 11 am. Fatally flowers only please. Donations if wished to The Gurkha Wetter Trust de G.H. Cook & Son, P.D., 8/11 Bond Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PE.

TURNER - Janet Stewart Turner (née Macmilan), wife of Dr J.D.G. Turner of Brighouse, W. Yorks, died in Edinburgh on 9th June 1997. Was much loved and will be much missed by her three children. Ceitic Remembrance Service Bishepstone Church, Witshire, 1 pm, 18th Jone 1997.

(Manus). Much loved wife of the late Herbert, mother of May and of the late Norman. Grandmother of Suzanne, Ben and Stephen. Great-grandmother of Christina, David, Alexander, Lindsay, Apparietts and Mithest Died peacefully on 10th June 1997.

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Jill Neville, author, died from cancer in London on June !!

aged 65. She was born in

Sydney on May 29, 1932.

"ill Neville was the acknowledged beauty and outstanding personality among the first wave of talented young Australians who lit up the London scene in the drab years immediately after the Second World War. All her life, she radiated the qualities Londoners have come to think of as refreshingly Australian: energy. self-reliance, infectious friendliness, an unquenchable, innocent curiosity about what might be on the other side of the big world,

The unromantic British had (and still have) trouble understanding why Jill and her friends ever left sunny, overfed Australia for shabby, war-battered London. When she arrived in 1951, rationing was still in force and her parents sent her food parcels. Why had Jill and her clever compatriots exchanged golden days on Bondi Beach for, as she wrote home, "shivering with a penny in the gas in the Earls Court Road", when migrants in thousands were streaming the other way? And, who was she?

Tall, with hazel eyes and long auburn hair. Jill Neville would have been a striking figure anywhere. In postwar London she was. a knockout. The English class system had staged its depressing comeback, but Jill's accent, which she never lost, defied the snobs probe. School? It was academically distinguished North Sydney Girls' High, but no one here was to know that. What did her father do? He was a Regular Army officer, later a publisher; but he might have been a sheep shearer as far as anyone could tell (or she cared.) Within days of arriving Jill had a job typing at the BBC (and was soon a iournalist there). She found lodging on a houseboat at Chelsea Reach, low rent and originality compensating for seagoing-style sanitation and the not over-fragrant Thames alongside. Within weeks Jill was running London's first, and per-

haps only floating literary salon, the deep talk pausing only as the boat sucked on and off the ooze with the tide.

"Jill's boat" became young Australia's entry to the London kaleidoscope. The Brisbane poet Peter Porter, whose indispensable muse she long was, the comedian Barry Humphries, the musician David Lumsdaine, painters Brett Whiteley and Francis Lymburner, journalists Philip Knightley and Murray Sayle rubbed shoulders and ideas with a Marxist revolutionary from Zanzibar, a West Indian jazz singer, a Royal Navy Russian expert, a US war correspondent, an Italian anarchist, a chess grandmaster, a down-at-heel ord from three boats away and many, many more - all captivated, and half of them in love with their scintillating hostess. One liquid evening two of her suitors came to blows, and both fell in the Thames. Jill dived overboard and, in the style approved by the New South Wales Life Saving Association, dragged both non-swimmers ashore. The novel she was already sketching, Fall Girl (1966), tells the story of a young woman who is constantly let down by weak, deceifful, inadequate men — if only more feminist tracts could be as wry and entertaining!

Meanwhile, Jill had moved on from the BBC to the world of advertising at which, like so many budding novelists, she was very good, and said she despised. Her ever-widening circle of colleagues, friends and admirers soon included the future novelists Fay Weldon and Salman Rushdie, the short story writer William Trevor, and the cruelly love-crossed (by the poet George Barker) Elizabeth Smart, author of the haunting By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept. As the Fifties became the Sixties, this galaxy-to-be fought it out, slogan by slogan, over dog food, breakfast eggs, cigarettes, milk, and (one of Jill's specialities) outboard motors. When will some alert publisher illuminate the economics of our literature by

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anthologising these rent-paying, book-financing masterpieces?

Jill married three times. Her first husband, the South African writer Peter Duval Smith, with whom she had a daughter, Judy, died mysteriously in Saigon in 1967, while on assignment for the BBC. She then moved to Paris and was caught up in les événements, the near-revolu-

tion of 1968, out of which came The Love Germ, her witty reworking of the cycle of Arthur Schnitzler's stories that became La Ronde except that the fiery young militants in her book pass a mild sexually-transmitted disease, as well as political passion, from comrade to comrade locked in the struggle (a vivid sense of humour

stopped Jill ever taking any political dogma seriously).

In Paris she met and married David Leitch, correspondent of the London Sunday Times and himself a writer of note, and with him had a son, Luke (now a university student). The family then made a longplanned return to Australia where.

despite (or perhaps because of)

lurid reports of her London adventures ("Aussies here let their hair down" reported the Sydney Sun-Herald, "they do things that shock their mothers") she wrote, on grants from the Commonwealth Literary Fund, two more novels, well received in both countries: Last Ferry to Manly and Swimming the Channel Vol 1. The fame of the Nevilles grew when her young brother Richard followed her to London, an instant celebrity as Jill's sibling, bringing his Sydney magazine Oz with him. He was acquired on appeal after a farcical Old Bailey trial for obscenity, and returned to Sydney, hero of one of the seminal causes celebres of the restless Sixties.

Jill. meanwhile, was moving in the other direction. Her second marriage ending in divorce, she returned to London and took up her life as novelist, reviewer, broadcaster and, above all, the centre of a by now gigantic circle of literary friends. This extended to a new field, science, when she met and married the South African-born geneticist and television pundit Professor Lewis Wolpert, with whom she enjoyed a blissfully creative partnership up to the day of her death. Why did she return to Britain, and for that matter, why did she and so many of her generation come in the first place. and: once here, stay on?

The answer, made plain in her seven novels and innumerable reviews and conversations, is London itself. She came originally seeking freedom, out of curiosity (the war isolated Australia for most of her adolescence) and to escape the smug respectability that cocooned Australia in Sir Robert Menzies's interminable prime ministership (1949-67). She stayed because she fell in love. Of all the cities spawned by the Imperial adventure, London and Sydney have always had the fondest family resemblance, and not simply because both have Hyde Park. King's Cross, Paddington, Bayswater, Kensington and the rest (Sydney children play Monopoly on a London board, and know just what a hotel in Mayfair is worth). Her Australian accent descended from 18th-century Cockney, the lingua franca of sailors, pickpockets and British regiments, and so does the Sydney anitude: direct, down-to-earth, we're-all-in-thistogethermatey, with a soaring romanticism well hidden inside. Jill and her friends were not especially Anglophile, or interested in the Empire. The magic keys of classlessness, friendliness and fascination with the endless variety of humankind gave her and her companions a foretaste of the future, what much of London has now, and Sydney itself may soon. become - a crossroads of the world. What were rain and bad plumbing, against that?

er second city returned Jill's affection. Her 1995 novel. The Day We Cut . the Lavender, was well received. The same year she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, choosing — the first novelist in memory to do so — not Dickens's pen, but Byron's romantic plume to sign in with. She became a popular, and, knowing just about everyone in the London cultural world, well-informed presenter of BBC book programmes. She planned another stay in search of more material in Sydney. Her play, Astonished Always, about the poet Robert Graves's inspiration and tyrant Laura Riding - another bright beauty cast among lustful litterateurs - ran successfully in Oxford and London, possibly opening a new career. Her books, sharp social observation rather than fashionable fantasy, are holding their interest. She was well on the way to becoming a literary lioness, but lymphoma, mercifully quick, intervened. Few writers, men or women, on either side of the world, will be more widely mourned.

Jill Neville is survived by her husband Lewis Wolpert, sister Josephine and brother Richard, her children Judy and Luke, and

the Bar. Freeman combined

GENERAL FRANCOIS **BINOCHE**

François Binoche, French general died in Paris on May 18 aged 86. He was born in the same city on March 23, 1911.

one of France's bravest and mast outspoken soldiers. His style was the very opposite of the politically correct, and his words often caused him almost as much trouble as the enemy on the battlefield.

His pro-Gaullist declarations led to his arrest by the warnime Vichy regime, and he had serious problems with the High Command in Indo-China in 1950, when he castigated the incompetence of generals after following the debacle of Cao Bang. . He was arrested later for opposing the quartet of generals under General Raoul Salan who seized power in Algiers in 1961 in defiance of

General de Gaulle. Then, in retirement, he criticised the Germans in a highly incorrect" manner. But his impressive war record; chestful of medals and his lifelong lovalty to the Gaullist cause saved him each time there was an "affaire Binoche", as the French newspapers labelled these incidents.

François Binoche, son of a Parisian industrialist, joined the Foreign Legion as a sublieutenant after graduating from the Saint-Cyr military academy in 1932. He was a captain in 1940 in Morocco when his contacts with the Free French led to his arrest and imprisonment by Vichy. The charge was "working with an enemy power" (namely Britain). He was acquitted, and imm-

ediately joined the Maquis. region in the Forces Françaises de l'Intérieur, he engaged German forces at the time of the Normandy landings and lost the use of an arm. De Gaulle made him a Compagnon de la Libération in 1945, the highest Gaullist

After a postwar spell at the Defence Ministry, he rejoined the Foreign Legion in Morocco, and later served in Indo-China, where he commanded the Fifth Infantry Regiment as the war there began to turn against the French. After Cao Bang, a defeat which cost the French Army thousands of dead and prisoners, he demanded the resignation of a general who had come to inspect his regiment. Following Dien Bien Phu, the final battle, he served as adviser to the prime minister. Pierre Mendès-France, whom he had met during the war and who closed the Indo-China chapter of French history at the

Geneva conference. The next chapter was Algeria where Binoche was a colonel. He was arrested by Salan and the other generals, escaped and organised resistance to the organisers of the putsch. Promoted to general. he later served in the military court in France which sen-

tenced the rebel officers. In 1964 he was named military governor of Berlin and commander of the French sector and went on to command the 44th Division, stationed in retirement in 1967. Retirement, however, did

not prevent another "affaire Binoche" for in 1975 he wrote in the Gaullist publication L'Appel that Germany's attitude to France had "remained unchanged since Bismarck", referring to "the German danger to our defences". There was uproar, with the Government accusing him of seriousharming Franco-German relations. Binoche found himself fully refired by Yvon Bourges, then Defence Mituster.

Binoche became an active dissident Gaullist and was supported by those similarly suspicious of the Germans. He was elected honorary president of a splinter movement. Union des Gaullistes de Progrés, and a city councillor in Nice. There, he later lost to Jacques Médecin, the Mayor (attacked by Graham Greene) who was subsequently imprisoned for fraud and now lives in South America, Binoche supported François Mitterrand in 1981 and two years later was reinstated as a reserve officer by Mitterrand's Defence Minister, Charles

Hernu. Binoche married, in 1939. Madeleine Guédra. They had two sons.

HIS HONOUR RICHARD FREEMAN

His Hogour Richard ("Dick") Freeman, County Court and then Circuit Judge, 1968-83, died on May 16 aged 86. He was born on October 10, 1910.

NOTHING but the presence of Gerald Gardiner as Lord Chancellor could have brought "Dick" Freeman even to the county court Bench. A member of the Communist Party until well after the 1956 Hungarian uprising, he had the kind of political "form" that would have turned any Conservative occupant of the Woolsack puce. But Dick Freeman proved a great success as judge and Lord Gardiner's elevation of him to serve on the Bench was abundantly justi-

Richard Gavin Freeman was the son of a successful Marylebone doctor and enjoyed a conventional middleclass education — going first to Charterhouse and then to Hertford College, Oxford. Both at school and university he distinguished himself more as a sportsman than a scholar - though politics, especially once he got to Oxford (where he became a member of the October Club, named after the October 1917 Russian Revolution) also took up a good deal of his time.

One of an idealistic generation that tended to be a little starry-eyed about Soviet Communism, he first visited the Soviet Union in the year he came down from Oxford even getting to drive a tractor on a showpiece communal fairm outside Moscow. (It is



only fair to say that in that year, 1931, even Makolm Muggeridge was still an ad-mirer of Stalin's rule and so were even more illustrious figures such as Nancy Astor and George Bernard Shaw.)

Freeman, however, took things rather further by immediately on his return visiting the King Street headquarters of the Communist Party of Great Britain and applying to join. Fortunately, it was not suggested that he should be anything but an open, above ground member and for most of the 1930s he was much concerned with the international student movement and various peace campaigns.

He did not, though, shirk his obligations in opposing Oswald Mosley and the Brit ish Union of Fascists - loyally turning up to try to break up their rallies and rarely strinking from getting thrown out (and beaten up) in the process. He showed, though, perhaps a little of his future judicial prudence in seeing to it that at Mosley's 1936 Wembley rally the group of protesters he was responsible for should have

more than its fair complement of women. The hope, to which he freely confessed, was that this would dissuade the stewards from taking too savage reprisals on the group for their interruptions.

That same year he thought seriously about going to fight in the Spanish Civil War. The family legend has it that there was a serious disagreement between him and the Cambridge poet John Cornford as to which of them should go. It was resolved by a toss of a coin in a pub in favour of Comford. who was killed very shortly afterwards once he had arrived at the front.

Freeman himself volunteered for the British Army in 1938 at the time of the Munich agreement. He did well, passing out top and winning the sword of honour at his officer cadet school. But his political past then caught up with him and he was discharged as a political subversive. That, however, did not prevent his joining up again in 1939 — in defiance of the Nazi-Soviet pact - and ending the war as a major in the Royal Artillery.

In fact, once hostilities were over, he went higher. He was made responsible for running the Army Bureau of Current Affairs classes throughout northern Italy - thus perhaps validating some Conservative suspicions of this branch of

> the rank of lieutenant-colonel. It was not until 1947 that he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn. His practice was largely in industrial compensation cases but he also did criminal work, appearing for one of the accused in the Great Train Robbbers' trial of 1964. It was while this trial was going on that he was passed a note by his client from the dock. The note contained a tip for a horse that was running that afternoon, and the horse duly won. Freeman put some, though probably not enough, money on it and later, after the court had risen, went down to the cells to thank his client and

military activity. He retired

from the Army in 1946 with

tips. His reply he never forgot - "Yes, I have some tips but no more certainties". Through most of his time at

to ask him if he had any more

his practice with serving as the libel lawyer for the former Cooperative Sunday newspaper, Reynolds News (later the Sunday Citizen). He was a model newspaper lawyer, not so much inhibiting journalists from what they wished towrite which what they wanted to say could be safely said. His own political views were never disguised - he was a prominent member of the British Peace Committee for many years - but at the same time they were never imposed on others he met professionally (many of whom may even have been misled by his passionate love of cricket and football into regarding him as

"one of us").

His popularity at the Bar was certainly attested by his appointment as deputy chairman of Warwick Quarter Sessions in 1963. Five years later he was named to the county court Bench, where he spent most of the next 15 years presiding over the ilford County Court. Kindly, patient and, above all, unalarming, he

enjoyed most perhaps the days when he heard adoption cases. He always made a point of telling the children who came before him that they were very lucky to be adopted: they would now have two birthdays - one the day they were actually born and the other the

anniversary of their adoption. By now his days in the Communist Party were well behind him. His last political activity was to distribute leaf lets for the new Labour Party at last month's general election. He was elated to learn of the Blair landslide victory just a fortnight before he died.

Dick Freeman was twice married - first to Marjorie Pear in 1937 and then to Winifred ("Freddie") Bell in 1961. They both survive him, together with the one son and two daughters of his first marriage.

(By Telegraph.)

OPENING OF THE CONGRESS BERLIN, June 13. This alternoon, at two o'clock, the first sitting of the Congress was opened by Prince Bismarck in the grand hall of his new official

(From our Correspondents.)

The reception given to Lord Beaconsfield. on the one hand, and Prince Gortchakoff, on the other, has offered a significant contrast. Lord Beaconsfield's journey from the German frontier to Berlin was a veritable triumph. Curiosity and enthusiasm everywhere prevailed, and people thronged to the station to see him. At Cologne, where there was two hours' notice of his approach, the station was invaded by Germans, who greeted him with hurrahs. On re-entering the saloon, Lord Beaconsfield found it decorated with flowers; and when on starting he expressed his thanks for this attention, and sent a rose to the lady who superintended these arrangements, fresh cheers greeted this act of gallantry. At Berlin there was the same eagerness; and if on passing before the Kaiserhol Hotel you see a crowd, you may be certain they are waiting to see Lord Beaconsfield. Nothing of the kind, however. for Prince Gorichakoff, and he

knows it. His arrival has made no stir and

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has not disturbed the usual solitude prevailing around the Russian Embassy. Here, then, is the very danger which justly engages the attention of all the prominent members of the Congress. The simultaneous presence of Lord Resconstield and Prince Corrchakoff is one. and perhaps the principal, cause which may of health which makes him nervous. He feels he is nearing his end, and he would not like to sink below the horizon without leaving behind him a ray of glory. Lord Beaconsfield younger and in better preservation than the Prince, is at the pinnacle of his career and aspires to a crowning triumph. Between the two men any question may become a personal one, and reason will then no longer suffice to solve it. The great and only chance of averting this danger lies with Prince Bismarck, who will put aside whatever might lead to a possible conflict. He will, perhaps induce the two champions to co-operate towards securing general peace, and he is believed to be intent on effacing their dangerous rivalry.

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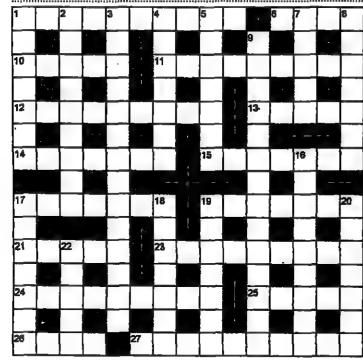
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- 1 Rock music? (6.4).
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- not stable (7). 15 Petition, thus, not against the law
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SATURDAY JUNE 14 1997

US bank pays £15m to Mirror pensioners

By JASON NISSE

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The payment means that the

Mirror scheme now has a

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ities. This would allow Mirror

director, Charles Wilson, is a trustee of the scheme - to

suspend or reduce its pay-

entirely given up its quest to recover its lost funds. It has

sked Kevin Maxwell, Robert Maxwell's son, to aid it in

finding any assets which may still be missing.

Mr Maxwell was acquitted of all fraud and theft charges

relating to the Maxwell affair

last year. He has said he is

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Mr Urquhart said that this

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The Mirror scheme has not

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cannot disclose the figure." A spokeswoman for Mor-

MORGAN STANLEY, the Cuckney in his role as head of US investment bank, has the Maxwell Pensions Unit. paid around £15 million to settle the final legal action brought by the Mirror Group pension scheme in the wake of the loss of over £400 million from the Maxwell empire's pension funds.

The seniement means that for the first time since the shortfall was discovered after Robert Maxwell's death in November 1991, the Mirror

scheme is in surplus. Morgan Stanley Trust Company. a subsidiary of the investment bank, was one of the custodians for shares owned by the Mirror scheme. These assets were used as collateral for loans to Maxwell private companies in the

months before Maxwell died. The loans were called in by banks in the days after the publisher's death, so precipitating the collapse of Maxwell Communication Corporation, which was listed on the stock market, as well as the Maxwell private companies, though Mirror Group remained solvent throughout. The banks then refused to to the funds leading to massive legal

actions. The trustees of the Mirror scheme sued Morgan Stanley for £65 million plus costs and punitive damages in October 1995 after the Wall Street firm refused to join in the £276 million global settlement of all outstanding claims by the pension funds, brokered by Lord.

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That settlement - along with payments from firms including Credit Suisse, invesco and Bank of America. after legal actions by the Maxwell schemes - meant that all the pensions for present and past employees of the Maxwell publishing em-Yesterday both Morgan Stanley and the trustees of the Mirror scheme confirmed that a settlement had been reached. "Something has happened and that action is now

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Kwik-Fit king knighted

By Jon Ashworth

TOM FARMER, founder of Kwik-Fit Holdings, has been knighted for services to the automotive industry. Ross Buckland, chief executive of Unigate, and Dominic Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes, are among other business leaders to be knighted in the Queen's Birth-

wort Benson now expects pre-

tax profits of £335 million this

year, down £10 million on its

previous larecast. Operating

profits from continuing busi-

far. Analysts were expecting a

double-digit rise.

meeting has yet to take place and no final date has been day Honours. Sir Tom, 56, has built Kwikagreed for the meeting. The Mirror scheme has worked closely with Travers Fit into Europe's largest independent retailer of tyres and Smith Braithwaite, the City exhausts. Born in Leith, the law firm, in tracing funds lost youngest of seven children, he was appointed CBE in 1990 by the scheme.

and was recently honoured by the Vatican for his "exceptional" service to the church and the wider community. Angus Grossart, the Scot-

tish merchant banker and former chairman of the National Galleries of Scotland, is knighted for services to the arts. John Jennings, chair-Trading, is knighted ahead of retirement later this month. There is an honorary knighthood for Jürgen Gehrels, chief executive of Siemens in the UK.

Tim Congdon, one of the former "wise men", is ap-pointed CBE for services to economic debate. Other CBEs include Pen Kent, executive director of the Bank of England; Brian Baldock, former deputy chairman of Guin-ness: Joseph Dwek, chairman of Bodycote International: Bruce Farmer, group manag-ing director of Morgan Crucible: Bob Hawley, chief executive of British Energy; and Richard Lapthorne, finance director of British

Warning sends Rank | Arbib nets £16m from shares to two-year low

BY ERIC REGULY

RANK, the leisure group, lost executive. Dresdner Klein-£350 million in market value yesterday after it issued a disappointing trading state ment. The shares closed down 40½ p. at 385p, putting them at their lowest level in two years. Analysts trimmed their forecasts after Rank said that

underlying turnover grew by only I per cent in the five months to the end of May. In the City, the figures raised more doubts over the

strategy being implemented by Andrew Teare, the chief

stake in Perpetual

By Caroline Merrell and Anne Ashworth

MARTYN ARBIB, chairman of Perpetual, the fund management group, sold 600,000 shares in the company yester day, netting a total of flo million. The move reduced his

nesses have risen 7 per cent so Perpetual said that the shares were sold for personal Shares of Carlton Communreasons. Three other individuals also sold a total of 750,000 ications, which also has a substantial video duplication shares, netting £20.3 million.

Mr Arbib is the 42nd richest business, were dragged lower person in the country, accordby Rank's trading statement. ing to The Sunday Times, with estimated wealth of £360 mil-

house in Barbados and his other great love is racehorses. Last month, in a move believed to be designed to benefit Mr Arbib, Perpetual brought forward the payment of its interim dividend, putting cash into its shareholders' pockets early. Perpetual was responding to speculation that

the Chancellor plans to cut the rate of advance corporation

tax, which is deducted from

dividends before they are paid

lion. He is currently building a

Walls in line for fourth payout

By PAUL DURMAN

STEPHEN WALLS, executive chairman of Albert Fisher, could be set for his fourth takeover windfall if the food company accepts a bid approach it is currently considering.

Mr Walls, 50, whose two-year contract last year paid him £403.000, would be expected to receive about £700,000 if he were to leave Albert Fisher in the wake of its takeover. This would add to the

companies were taken over or merged. Fisher has begun talks with a potential bidder, believed to be a quoted overseas company. Heavy trading in Fisher shares yesterday morning forced it to tell the stock market of the development. Fisher's depressed shares rose from 3412 p to 4612 p. valuing the company at £330 million. Fisher's annual sales of fresh fruit and

vegetables, frozen food and scafood total

about £1.7 billion. However, the compa-

my's poor record means it is unlikely to nmand a price of much more than

to shareholders.

£400 million, or 56p a share. Mr Walls was managing director at Plessey, which succumbed to a £1.7 billion hostile bid from GEC in 1989. He moved to Wiggins Teape Appleton, the paper company spun off from BAT Industries, but that merged with Arjomati-Prioux of France.

Block on Energy takeover feared

THE City yesterday gave a clear signal that it thought the recommended £3.6 billion bid for The Energy Group, tabled yesterday by PacifiCorp, would be blocked, Energy's shares fell 2p and closed 49.5p below the offer price of 695.5p.

investors fear that political objections will derail the takeover, which needs to be approved by the Department of Trade and Industry, Stephen Littlechild, the UK electricity regulator, and as many as 24

US regional regulators.

John Devaney, Energy's chief executive, dismissed the regulatory issues, saying: There is no change to compet itive structures so it's difficult to see why the change in government should change matters." Mr Devaney and Derek Bonham, Energy's chairman, are set to join the PacifiCorp board.

The market is also concerned about PacifiCorp's level of debt after the bid. It already has nearly £4 billion of debts and will take on £2.3

billion of Energy's borrowings as well as paying £3.6 billion to Energy shareholders. The US utility will finance the deal with asset sales and is issuing junk bonds underwritten by Goldman Sachs, Citibank and JP Morgan. Ithas sold its telecommunications business for £1 billion and intends to sell a further four businesses. Energy also reported its interim results yesterday. In the six months to March underlying operating profit grew to £317 million from £243 million, while pre-tax profit before exceptionals fell to £260 million from £279 million. Earnings per share fell to 34.5p from 36.5p. On July 4. current shareholders will receive the interim dividend of 5.5p which is already reflected in the offer price.

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Airbus seeks to halt

AIRBUS has launched a counter-offensive against the takeover of McDonnell Douglas by Boeing, its main rival in the world aviation market Jean Pierson, the Airbus managing director, made representations to Karl van Miert, the EU Competition Commissioner, that could lead to an offical EU veto of the \$13 billion deal. The European

consortium, which includes British Aerospace, is opposed to the takeover because it would turn the market for large commercial aircraft into a duopoly and give Boeing 70 per cent global market share. The objections of Airbus also include the exclusive supply contracts Boeing has with

Boeing/Douglas

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

NU shares expected to trade above 340p

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

SHARES in Norwich Union are expected to start trading at between 340p and 350p when the insurer comes to the stock market on Monday, boosting the minimum payout for poli-cyholders by 25 per cent, to

Members who hold on to their shares could be even better off as the price is squeezed higher by institution-al investors. A number of predators, including AMP of Australia, are expected to start building up their holdings on

the first day of trading.

Market-makers were reporting keen buying by fund

Pace loses another director

BY ERIC REGULY

PACE Micro Technology. the TV set-top box maker that lost its chief executive and issued two profits warnings in February. said yesterday that Steven Jones, finance director, is to resign.

Pace said that his decision was voluntary and did not reflect the share performance or suggest further management turmoil. Peter Morgan, chairman, said: "The situation with Steve is perfectly amicable.'

Mr Jones, 43, who has been finance director for four years, will stay on until a replacement is found. The company hopes to announce his successor shortly after the year-end results are published next month.

Pace shares plummeted in February. Yesterday the shares rose Ip to 6212p. Their 52-week high was 242½p.

managers, on the unofficial "grey" market yesterday, with some quoting the expected opening price as 353p. The bidding process for institutions to buy into Norwich Union's book-building exercise closed last night. A large proportion of bids were from Europe and the United States.

The offer for individuals closed on Tuesday. A significant number of private investors have applied for the maximum share allocation of £100,000. City Index, the fi-nancial bookmakers, said that the price in the grey market was between 343p and 353p yesterday, up from the open-

ing quotation of 300p to 310p.
IG Index quoted 345p to 354p.
Both Norwich Union's public offer, open to private investors and institutions, and the members' offer, open to the company's existing policyholders, have been up to six times oversubscribed.

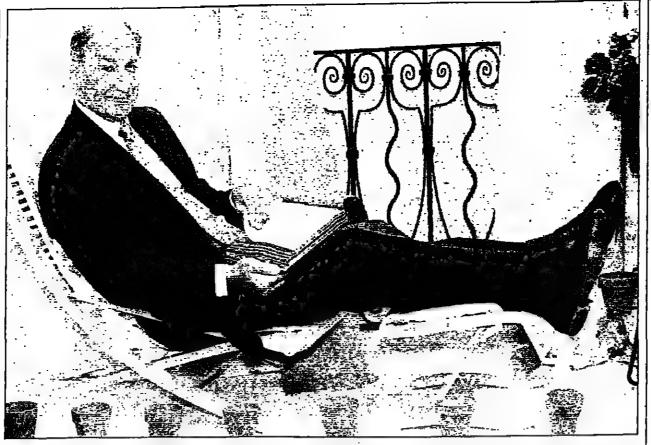
The strike price at which shares will be allocated to individuals and institutions who applied in advance is expected to be 290p, but will be confirmed tomorrow. The official range for the share price from Kleinwort Benson, Norwich Union's adviser, is 240p to 290p. Members who applied via the members' offer are eligible for a 25p per share

Most institutions indicated to Kleinwort Benson that they were prepared to pay the

strike price.

Two dissident US investors in Lloyd's of London have begun a lawsuit against Norwich Union. Mark and Elizabeth Levy launched their action in California, alleging breach of contract, negligence and fraud. The action relates to an investment company managed and marketed by Lloyd's through which US citizens made investments at Lloyd's. Norwich Union said: "We have the writ and we are seeking legal advice."

Not enough shares, page 30



SIR PETER OSBORNE had good news for investors in Osborne & Little yesterday. The wallpaper and furnishing fabrics group, which disappointed some investors at the interim stage when it said

it would not be paying a third annual special dividend, is increasing its final dividend to 12p from 7.5p. This gives a full-year dividend of 20p, against last year's 24.5p. which included a 12.5p

special payment. Sir Peter, chairman, reported a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.82 million in the year to March 31 on turnover up 16 per cent to £32.1 million. The shares rose 15p to 770p.

SWT staff in pensions challenge

By Caroline Merrell

EMPLOYEES of South West Trains, owned by Stagecoach. have launched a legal challenge to new pension terms being imposed by the newly privatised company.
The SWT workers are hoping

to substantially increase their pension rights in the scheme. which was part of the former British Rail fund. At privarisa-

ated for all rail employees, was worth around £7 billion. The employees want their pensions to be based on their whole salaries, not a lesser percentage, as agreed at the time of the sale of SWT to Stagecoach. Brian Souter. Stagecoach chairman, received pension benefits worth

If the employees win their

case, it could cost the SWT pension scheme hundreds of thousands of pounds. The other schemes operated by the 25 rail franchise-holders could also be affected.

Last year, SWT reached an agreement with Aslef, the biggest rail workers' union. over employment terms and conditions. The rail franchisee

pensions were calculated. Instead of using a basic E11,000 level of pay, which is based on final salary, South West Trains agreed to uprate this to

However, a group of SWT employees want all pay to be included when calculating pension benefits.

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English China Clays shares advance 14%

By Carl Mortished

SHARES of English China Clays, the materials group, rose 14 per cent after it revealed volume and margin gains in Europe and North America.

ECC said that sales volumes in Europe in the first five months of the year had increased 4 per cent over the comparable period in 1996, while US sales volumes had risen 2 per cent. ECC plunged into loss last

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year after it took a one-off charge of £95 million for restructuring and a write-down of its middle Georgia kaolin reserves.

Patrick Drayton, finance director, said that the improved profitability stemmed in part from increasing volumes as demand for coated papers improved in the US.

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Warning on profits knocks Logica price

By Martin Barrow

THERE was more bad news for Logica investors yesterday. when the software group revealed profits would fall short of City expectations this year.

The shares, worth £10.62 as recently as March, fell 944 p to 755p as the company said that profits would be affected by the strength of the pound and slower than expected headcount growth in the UK. Even the announcement of

contracts in the UK, France and Indonesia failed to rekindie enthusiasm for the stock Expressing dismay, Martin Read, chief executive, said: "Our profits will be well up on last year . . . That is really why

we are disappointed." Brokers now expect profits of £28 million, against original forecasts of £29.5 million.

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French set | Campaigner their sights on Unicorn

By CHRIS AYRES

SAINT-GOBAIN, the French industrial group, yesterday launched an ESS.5 million bid for Unicorn International, the fast-growing Midlands abrasives manufacturer that floated on the stock market in

December 1995.
The offer values Unicorn's shares at 225p each, a 45 per cent premium on Thursday's closing price of 155p.

The cash bid, which is being

made by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson on behalf of Saint-Gobain's abrasives division. has so far been accepted by just over a third of Unicorn's shareholders. Other investors who have not yet given their support include Threadneedle Asset Management, Prudential, Aberforth and Friends Provident.
David Rimmer, chief execu-

tive of Unicorn, said: "After we came to the market we made good progress, but now we need access to global markets. We will operate as a separate business unit within Saint-Gobain. although we will have access to their resources."

Unicorn earned a pre-tax profit of \$7.3 million (£6 million) last year, on sales of £102 million. Saint-Gobain said the deal would enhance

accused

the controversial Lloyd's campaigner, has been accused of failing to declare £350,000 in consultancy fees arising from his role as chairman of the Lloyd's Names Association Working Party (LNAWP).

Mr Stockwell denies the allegation, which emerged in a public examination by his

Bradglade and on a monthly basis." The hearing was adjourned.

for names

By Jon Ashworth

CHRISTOPHER Stockwell

It was claimed at Oxford County Court that Mr Stockwell 48, of Kingham, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, had lied about his income since being made hankrupt in June 1994. 1994. He is to be discharged as a bankrupt next Friday.

trustee in bankruptcy. He is accused of declaring no more than £30,000 a year in salary from Bradglade, a property management company where he was formerly sole director.

Illiary Stonefrost, for the trustee, said: "The money you earn does not go into the estate of your creditors, but into the company effectively owned by you and your wife." Bradglade was a device created to keep "substantial" payments from the creditors. Mr Stockwell denied the

allegation: "I am paid only hy

hearing in Brussels. He had already signalled his opposition to the takeover last month. Sources close to the EU's merger investigation noted positions had hardly changed. They have not convinced us," an EU source said. The Commission will now prepare a draft decision for a July 4 meeting of national competition experts. The EU Commission must reach a final verdict by July 31. On July 1, the US Federal Trade Commission will announce its own ruling.

Mr Van Miert called Airbus and Boeing to a closed-doors

Guinness merger twist LVMH (Moet Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton) yesterday began

proceedings that could damage the merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. The French luxury goods group, which has a 14.2 per cent stake in Guinness and opposes the planned £24 billion merger, has asked the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris to put to an International Court of Arbitration its claim that the deal represents a change of control at Guinness. The process could take a year but Guinness denied that there would be any delay to the merger.

EasyJet buys planes

EASYJET, the low-fare airline that left holidaymakers stranded last month because of a shortage of aircraft, is to buy £300 million worth of new jets. EasyJet has ordered 12 Boeing 737s, with six due to arrive next year and the other six in 1999. The expansion could result in the creation of 250 more jobs, doubling the current workforce. The airline currently has five 737s with a sixth arriving in November. EasyJet operates services to Nice, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness.

New UK chief at CU

COMMERCIAL UNION has appointed Cees Schrauwers, 50, to the position of managing director at the UK division from July 1. He was previously responsible for CU's UK non-life insurance businesses. In his new role, Mr Schrauwers will be responsible for all life and non-life trading and support activities in the UK. The move will also see Mr Schrauwers join the board of Commercial Union Assurance Company, the CU Group's principal trading company.

Burndene pulls ahead

BURNDENE INVESTMENTS, the caravan, hosiery and property group, raised pre-tax profits 6.8 per cent for the 26 weeks to March 29, from £2.2 million to £2.35 million. Turnover was up 11.5 per cent, from £42.2 million to £47 million, with earnings per share up from 1.4p to L5p. An unchanged interim dividend of 0.75p will be paid on September 1. The company said that its holiday home division had improved profits, although exports had been hit by the strength of sterling.

Constance stake for IWP

IWP, the manufacturer and distributor of household and personal care products, is to pay £38.5 million for an 80 per cent stake in Constance Carroll, a privately owned manufacturer of skincare products. The company also has an option to acquire the outstanding 20 per cent in the year 2000. IWP, which is based in the Republic of Ireland, reported annual pre-tax profits of IrE22.37 million, up from IrE21.6 million. Earnings were Ir22.68p a share (Ir20.55p) and the total dividend is increased to Ir5.34p from Ir4.85p, with a final Ir3.14p.

Clyde Blowers expands

CLYDE BLOWERS, the Glasgow engineering group, yesterday announced the acquisition of the sootblower division of Copes-Vulcan for \$12.19 million. The purchase will be financed through the issue of new shares to the vendor at 340p each, worth \$8.65 million. Debt facilities of \$5 million have been agreed with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Clyde Blowers says the purchase will allow it to achieve outright world market leadership in boiler cleaning equipment

Henderson pay up 12%

TOTAL boardmom pay at Henderson, the investment management group, rose 12 per cent to £3.1 million last year. Earlier this week, Henderson reported a 3 per cent rise in its pre-fax profits to £20.8 million and an unchanged dividend. Dugald Eadie, managing director, was paid £323,000 (£288.000), including an £83,000 bonus. The highest bonus of £96.000 was paid to Ian Buckley, group investment director, whose total pay rose from £296.000 to £303.000. Ben Wrey, chairman, was paid £293,000 (£289,000), with a £54,000 bonus.

Glaxo Wellcome buy

GLAXO WELLCOME has bought a small Californian generics research company for \$9 million and laid off all but two of the 15 staff. Spectra Biomedical had been working with Glaxo Wellcome to find the genetic basis of migraine. Glaxo Wellcome is enthusiastic about Spectra's association genetics technology, which offers a way of rapidly establishing the links between diseases and the gene defects that cause them. Stephen Peroutka, Spectra's president, and Keith Jones, its senior scientist, are to join Glaxo Wellcome.

Finance chief quits **National Grid**

BY OLIVER AUGUST

JOHN UTTLEY, the National Grid finance director who gave back his £60,000 flotation bonus, yesterday resigned from the utility with no firm prospect of a new job.

National Grid denied that Mr Uttley's sudden departure was connected to the "fat cat" row two years ago. At the time, Mr Unley was the only one of four executive directors who publicly gave to charity the special dividend, widely criticised as being unjustified. after a request by Tim Eggar.

the then Energy Minister. There is also believed to have been a difference of

opinion over the possible floration of Energis, the Grid's telecoms business. Mr Uttley is thought to have opposed a float, while the rest of the board have approved the appointment of advisers.

A spokesman said: "In no way is John's departure linked to the special dividend. What happened two years ago has nothing to do with this."

The new finance director will be Stephen Box, a partner at Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm that advised National Grid during the 1990 privatisation of the industry. He starts on August 4.

TOURIST RATES

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All that was left was for Gerry Robinson and Ward Thomas to agree the final price at which Yorkshire would join Granada's empire. However, as Garry Kasparov knows, it is the endgame that can prove to be the most difficult Business - tomorrow

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: DAVID GOLDSTONE

A man of property and a jack of all sports

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Jon Ashworth meets a high-flyer helped by tennis, the gym and aircraft beds

makes an unlikely Monday might find him at his desk in central London, browsing through the weekend post. Friday could see him in Hong Kong, selling luxury apartments to high-rolling Cantonese. Were it not

for the chauffeur-driven Rolls-

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But he is not. Goldstone, at 68, is still active at an age when many millionaires will have cashed in and retreated to the Riviera, Regalian Properties, which he founded 30 years ago, continues to transform vast swaths of central London, including such landmarks as the Mib headquarters at Vauxhall Cross, and Peninsula Heights, where Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare has a riverside pent-house. His stake in the company is worth about £5 million. Fashionably, he sup-ports Labour, and has done so

all his working life. Regalian has nearly gone bust twice — once in the Seventies, and again in the early Nineties when the company plunged to a pre-tax loss of £84 million. Goldstone made his son, Lee, redundant. describing the act as "perhaps the saddest moment of my career". But these are happier times. Regalian is back in the black, and is expected to show a further improvement when the latest figures come out this month. Lee Goldstone, who left with a £300,000 payoff, rejoined Regalian in Decem-

Money is pouring in from the Far East, where specula-tors are clamouring to invest in London property. The phe-nomenon dates to 1993 when a handful of London estate agents began making weekend trips to Singapore and Hong Kong. Advertising heavily in advance, they would turn up on Friday night, set up their wares in an hotel and promote on Saturday and Sunday. Goldstone, who spent two days in Singapore this week, recalls: "People would come in, buy their property, and then the agents would, like the Oxford Street traders, close their suitcases, and catch

the plane back to London." There is talk of London property doubling in value over ten years. Others foresee 50 per cent gains over three years. Goldstone reels off the numbers with a wry smile. 1 find a certain amount of difficulty in knowing what's going to happen tomorrow," he says in his soft Welsh lilt. "We think that the next few years ought to be reasonably good for central London

property." Goldstone likes to see the action for himself, flying first class with British Airways. He avoids food and drink, and sleeps through the flight. "I'm one of those lucky guys. I probably get more sleep on a plane than at any other time in my life." He takes full advantage of BA's fold-down beds. guy. Some people don't find it all that comfortable."

Jet lag poses few problems. Goldstone flew in from Singapore on Wednesday morning. went home to freshen up, then spent a full day in the office. The rest of the week was filled with meetings, before a welcome drive to the Cotswolds, Royce, he could be just another where the Goldstones have their country home.

> road near New Bond Street, five minutes from Goldstone's home near Hyde Park. He is in the office by about 7am, and likes to go through the mail and catch up on the news, before embarking on the first of many meetings. Chairman and chief executive of Regalian, he has a wealth of outside interests, including the London School of Economies, from which he graduated in 1952 with an honours degree in law. He sits on the Council of the University of London, and is heavily involved with London First, which waves the

flag for the capital. Evenings are kept free where possible. Goldstone works out in a local gym three times a week, keeping him in shape for tennis, which is a passion. His working week runs through to lunchtime on

6 He made his son redundant, describing the act as perhaps the saddest of his career ?

Friday, when the Rolls is waiting for the run to the Cotswolds. The Goldstones spend most weekends in the country, though less so in the winter. "It's very relaxing, playing tennis, with people talking, eating, drinking. It's a very nice way of getting away." Work is not forgotten entirely. "The weekend is very much the selling period of property, so I do have contact with all the sites on a Sunday."

It all nearly went horribly wrong with Kensington Palace Gardens, a luxury development opposite Kensington Palace. Regalian bought the site in 1987 for £20 million, spending about £80 million in all. and set about flogging El4 million penthouses in the depths of recession. There were no takers. The units went in the end, but the project was

not a financial success. Regalian was heavily exposed during the recession the company was a prime developer in London's Docklands - but Goldstone says there is little choice in such matters. "In August 1988, with the double mortgage blip, the market effectively ceased to exist for residential property. But we had sites which were on the ground, under construction. It's like one of those

"I'm lucky because I'm a little big tankers. You just don't guy. Some people don't find it change direction immediately." His strategy was to switch into commercial property. spawning projects such as Vauxhall Cross.

Goldstone works hard, but makes time for himself. He is rarely out more than one evening a week, and likes to catch up on the newspapers. He watches television occasionally. and goes to the Proms quite a bit. Regalian has a box at the Regulian's office is in a quict

> Socrer has long been a passion, although Goldstone no longer attends games, and prefers to watch rugby on television. He is past chairman of Swansea City and Cardiff City, and was a selector for the Welsh national side in the late Sixies and early Seventies, "I'm interested in with tennis. I used to play reasonable game of squash, enjoyed football as a kid. I played to a reasonable stan-dard of table tennis in my time, played badminton, hockey . . . I'm a jack of all sports, and master of none. Born in Swansea in 1929, he

anended Dynevor Grammar School, then served in the Army from 1947 to 1949, before law school beckoned. His accent remains strong to this day. "Although I'm not aware that I speak with a Welsh accent, I listen to myself on elevision and it's very, very strong. It is literally now 50 years since I left school, went into the Army, and stopped living in Wales. I don't know what conclusions one should draw, if any, but Michael Heseltine comes from Swansea. and Michael Howard comes from Uanelli, which is just outside Swansea."

Goldstone laughs when I suggest that the politicians have been taking elocution lessons. "Maybe they say that I've gone to elocution lessons to retain my Welsh accent."
He remembers the young Heseltine playing tennis dur-ing summer holidays in Swansea, but has never actually taken him on.

With property booming again, Regalian is busier than ever. It recently purchased the Marble Arch Tower at the foot of Edgware Road, and intends to smarten it up, upgrading the shops and creating offices for visiting businessmen. Regalian has a share in a site in Paddington, earmarked for

shops, offices and homes. Goldstone has every intention of carrying on well into his seventies — as is common in the Far East, where age is venerated. "I enjoy my work, and, for me, every day is an adventure. I'm not conscious of my 682 years." Regalian is a public company, but it remains Goldstone's creation. "It's been my baby, yes," he says, anxious not to offend Regalian's shareholders. "I would like to carry on for as long as I'm physically and mentally able."

With tennis, the gym and BA's flying beds, that could be a long, long time.

While others have cashed in and retreated to the Riviera, David Goldstone can frequently be found travelling to the Far East to make a sale

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But above all, they found out about the attitude of the people who work here.

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Look at some of the other call centres who are already established on Merseyside-Bardays Direct Loan Services, NatWest and Swedish company Intrum Justitia. And in other sectors, Ford, General Motors, Kodak and Sony continue to succeed.

So could Merseyside really become the call centre capital of Europe?

It's happening even as we speak.



A'pool of talent

A head for scalps

KAREN Morgan Thomas, the former James Capel high-liyer caught up in that nasty business concerning Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and some Anglia TV shares, has a new job. I hear. Morgan Thomas, who faced an unpleasant grilling at the hands of DTI inspectors - no action was taken - has turned to the business of hunting scalps. She has signed up with Heidrick & Struggles, the executive search firm. Her many Westminster and City e contacts should stand her in good stead.

 A DARK rumour swept the market yesterday that the massive computer system at Barclays had crashed. There are viruses floating around designed to cause problems on any Friday 13. Debugging Barclays would have been a nightmare. In fact the bank's Wythenshawe computer centre near Manchester became overloaded and crashed for eight hours. Glad to put the record straight.

Party ties

ROBERT Louis-Dreyfus, former chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi, is 50 this weekend. the old smoothie, and is throwing a huge party for friends in St Petersburg. Two names will not be on the guest list, I fear. They are Charles and



Maurice, whose involvement with Louis-Dreyfus at Adidas ended in legal fisticuffs.

Rank clash

RANK Organisation chief executive Andrew Teare yesterday put our a dreadful trading statement, Simultaneously English China Clays, a com-



"Least his money won't be leaving the country

pany where Andrew Teare was chief executive and which has spent much time putting right some of his mistakes, put out a cheery statement. Even spookier, this is the second time since his departure that news from English China Clays has thus coincided with news from Rank going in the opposite direction. You don't think they are trying to make a point, do you?

 HOW interesting that Neil Cooper of accountants Robson Rhodes is joining Buchler Phillips. Was it not Cooper who was praised by the House of Commons Social Security Select Committee over its work on the liquidation of the Maxwell group pension schemes? And was Peter Phillips, founder of Buchler Phillips, not carpeted by the committee over its Maxwell work? They should have lots to

Crunch time

ONE fund manager who should have little problem getting onto the shortlist for beauty parades is Nicola Horlick, who starts her new job at Société Générale on Monday. Those potential clients who have not yet met her must surely be curious to do so. Working as head of a new team, Horlick at last has a chance to prove what she has been telling us all along, that she is a brilliant fund manager. It will be interesting to chart her progress.

MARTIN WALLER





GUS sparkles amid talk of shareholder bonus

IT WAS just as if the summer sales had arrived early in the high street. Great Universal Stores was the best performing company among the top 100. ending 38½p higher at 701p, its highest level this year, amid speculation the group might be planning another windfall payment for shareholders before the Budget.

Brokers pointed out that the group had brought forward publication of its full-year figures to June 26, just days before the first Budget delivery by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, Last year the group reported on July 11.

There was speculation last night that the board of GUS had made the move because it wanted to hand back some of its cash surplus, currently estimated at more than £500 million, in the form of a dividend, or share buyback operation. It would be the second cash hand back in two years. In 1995 it paid shareholders £302 million by way of a special dividend.

There were also suggestions the group might spend some of its money on another foray into the US retail market.

The rest of the equity market ended the week on a firm note with share prices again following Wall Street higher. Cheered by a clutch of bids, the FTSE 100 index came within a whisker of the 4,800 level before profit-taking saw it close below its best of the day. It ended 25.7 up at a new closing high of 4,783.1. That stretches its rise on the week to 138.1. or aimost 3 per cent.

Dealers reported selling of the life insurers before the start of trading on Monday of Norwich Union. Legal & General fell 9½p to 446½p, Prudential Corporation op to 636¹2 p. and **London &** Manchester 312 p to 434p.

The Norwich issue is expected to he heavily oversubscribed, with institutional investors left desperately short of stock. On the grey market IG Index was quoting 340p to 350p, but some brokers say the price could open even higher. The Norwich will be admitted to the list of top 100 constituents later in the year.

Energy Group touched 663½p before ending 2p lighter at 646p after PacifiCorp made its move and offered 6954p a share. The total value of the deal is £5.9 billion. But there are growing fears among brokers that the Government may refer the bid

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From left: Nigel a Brassard, Benedict Morgan, Tim Wise, all of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, and John Paynter, of Cazenove, check on the institutions going for Norwich Union

to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Elsewhere in the sector, brokers reported further selective support with Southern rising 4p to 437p, ScottishPower 8p to 397p, National Power 5p to 520p, and PowerGen 2p to 700p.

Rank Group was the worst performing stock among the top 100 companies, with the

market, climbing 74 p to 1634 p before full-year figures on Monday that are expected to show a sharp downturn in price falling 40½ p to 385p, its pre-tax profits from £1.1 billion Jarvis touched 320p before ending 212p down at 31612p with

speculators awaiting news of its next acquisition. Word is that it is about to pay up to £60 million for Scottish Rail Maintenance. A heavily discounted one-for-five rights issue is envisaged to help finance the deal. Next stop for the shares could be 400n. lowest level since March 1995.

as a total of £338 million was wiped off the group's stock market value of £3.55 billion. It follows a trading update from the group highlighting a downturn at its video duplication business. ABN Amro Hoare Govett reacted by wiping Ell million from its profit

forecast for the current year of

£343 million. It was followed

by both Dresdner Kleinwort

to £476 million. Brokers say much of the setback will be down to a strong pound. There was some pain at

Benson and Lehman Brothers.

The setback comes just days

after the group announced the

sale of its remaining stake in

Rank Xerox for £1 billion to

British Steel was a firm

Xerox Corporation.

Tilbury Douglas as Cazenove and UBS tried to place a large seller. Philipp Holzmann has sold its entire stake of 9.93 million shares, or 29.9 per cent, at 575p. Judging by the reaction of the share price, down 722p at 670p, after touching 6474 p, it looked as if

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overhanging the market. Vickers hardened 7p at 216p after announcing plans to sell its Swedish medical products division, while Johnson Matthey continued to reflect on this week's bumper profits with a rise of 244p at 5474p. That stretches the lead during the past two days to 8512 p.

News of a bid approach lifted Albert Fisher 12¹4 p from a low of 3414 p to end at 462 p. The food producer headed by Stephen Walls, former boss of Plessey and Arjo Wiggins, said it was in talks that could lead to a bid. At these levels, the group is valued at £344 million. A string of possible suitors have been reeled off by speculators including Geest, steady at 2822p, Fyffes, un-changed at 89p. Royal Ahold in The Netherlands and Dole

Burton Group rose 44 p to 12812 p after dismissing claims that John Hoerner, chief executive, was on the point of resigning. Laura Ashley, the troubled soft furnishing group, rounded off poor week by hitting yet another new low with a loss of 1p at 77p. A profits warning and recent high level departures have undermined City confidence. Brokers began reducing

their numbers for Logica after the company said that profits for the the current year would be below market expectations because of currency factors and recruitment problems. The shares ended down 95 p at 755p. CMG was down 37 p at £12.574. Misys 324p at E13.85, and Sema 84p at E11.735

☐ GILT-EDGED: There was a further steepening of the yield curve after the market faild to capitalise on a subdued set of US producer price figures. Switching out of longs into shorter dated issues was again reported, leaving the overall picture mixed at the

In the futures pit, the September series of the Long Gilt closed unchanged at £114's as a total of 62,000 contracts were contoleted. in longs. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £10 to £108²⁷32, while

in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a couple of ticks firmer at £103°32.

☐ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were strongly higher extending a week-long rally. At midday, the Dow Jones

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Fisher on the menu

shot at this company before now. Fisher's share price has been in steady decline throughout four years of an alleged turnround. Before news of the bid approach leaked to the market, Fisher had slipped to a new low of 34p, giving the shares a remarkable dividend yield of almost 14 per cent. Such levels are usually only seen before financially stretched companies are forced to cut their dividend, yet Fisher insists that it is quite comfortable with the present payout.

The City allowed Fisher shares to slide after enduring a diet of disappointments, often blamed on the weather. The question is, how much is the company really worth? Even at yesterday's closing share price of 46¹2 p, Fisher is still valued at less than a fifth of its

THE only surprise about the bid talks at Albert Fisher is that no one has taken a pot an offer close to 100p a share look wide of the an offer close to 100p a share look wide of the mark. Far from restoring the profitability Fisher enjoyed in its heyday, Stephen Walls's tenure has seen substantial erosion in operating margins. It was scarcely encouraging recently to hear Neil England, Fisher's newish chief executive, reel off a host of management changes the company still needs to make. At the moment, 60p seems to be a more realistic target.

The potential bidder is said to be a quoted foreign food manufacturer, yet Fisher's strong cashflow would also make it a suitable candidate for a break-up bid from financial investors. No asset-stripper has yet emerged, but shareholders should be in no rush to take the price available in the market. Relief from Fisher's troubles may finally be at hand.

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salary of up to E19,000.

Logica

THE IT industry is riding the crest of a wave; a message made clear by Logica and its share price fall Of course, Logica's state

ment said nothing at all about the market peaking. Instead, the chief executive predicted better revenue growth after a hiccup in 1996-97. The current year shortfall, forecast by analysts to be about £1 million, relates to the strength of sterling and difficulties with recruitment. The currency effect is almost entirely due to the translation of continental profits; Logica has been expanding eastwards and almost a third of its business now comes from abroad. Currencies bring swings

and roundabouts. More worrying is the heat in Logica's core UK market where the company is now forced to push work in progress into

Logica insists that higher demand due to banks constaff costs are being passed verting their systems to on to customers. That may EMU and the millennium be the case this year, but bug. Industry wide, staff turnover has soared to 20-25 high fixed-cost businesses. such as advertising or finanper cent and Logica admits cial services, have a knack of to 17 per cent annual attribuilding up overheads quickly only to shed them tion, up from II per cent two years ago. Poaching is comslowly in a downturn. monplace and a university LOGICA: SITUATIONS

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is reassuring but investors

hoping for growth will be

more wary of the volume gains, which could be re-

versed in the accident-prone

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is a supplier. There is little sign of price improvement and ECC still needs to cope

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English China Clays

JUBILATION over the recovery by English China Clays could be premature. The company reports modest volume improvements and sizeable margin gains in the first five months of the year but the question is: gain over what? The comparable period in 1996 was simply awful, with a 21 per cent decline in volumes in Europe and a profits slump in America. Overall, profits in the first half of the previous year were

down 46 per cent. ECE's minerals business was then earning a 4 per cent return on sales, not a stiff target to beat and the company has been in almost permanent restructuring, with £85 million of asset writedowns and a £10 million restructuring charge in 1996. The company's Middle Georgia Kaolin assets alone suffered a £58 million write-off.

plies from mines in Brazil. This looks as though ECC's health is improving but the patient is not cured.

Rank ANDREW TEARE'S strategy at Rank was warmly welcomed last year but change at the helm is delivering little in returns. Teare has sold about £1.8 billion in non-core assets. including Rank Xerox and the engineering and coach businesses, but patience ran out abruptly yesterday when it

ship is changing course more slowly than expected. The shares' recovery premium has largely disappeared.

A slowdown in the American video duplication business was singled out as the most disappointing develop-ment, but the truth is that none of the high-profile businesses, such as the Hard Rock Cafes and the bingo halls, grew particularly smartly. Rank has no choice but to continue pouring money into them in the hope that momentum will pick up next year. It should also consider increasing the size of the proposed £250 million share buyback programme...

The question is whether the shares, now at their lowest level in two years, are worth a punt. Probably not. Rank is turning into a slow burn and those with the patience for recovery plays Whitbread, another big

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Battle for £60bn surplus rages on Government under pressure to take action over company surplus funds will threaten

nent pensions judge in demands for government action to establish once and for all who owns the estimated £60 billion of surplus funds in Britain's company pension schemes.

Successive have failed to tackle the issue, in spite of growing numbers of high-profile challenges to employers over use of surpluses built up in schemes during the boom years of the

National Grid, National Power, National Bus, National Freight Corporation and Unilever are just some of the industrial giants locked in battle with their employees over surpluses. The rash of privatisations in the early 1990s has left utility companies awash with up to £8 billion of surplus cash in their pension schemes.

Pensioners and employe argue that surpluses should belong to them because the funds are set up for their benefit. But employers say they contribute on employees' behalf and guarantee pension payments.

Surpluses, which often run into millions of pounds, are distributed primarily according to the rules of the pension scheme, normally drawn up by employers. In many cases, employers have quite legitimately taken surplus pension money and used it to pay redundancy or other bills.

Actuaries gave warning that there is potentially nothing to stop utilities using pension funds to offset the

pensions, says Sara McConnell

schemes allow them to do so. The collective call for action comes as employers and employees prepare to clash in the Court of Appeal over the ownership of nearly £350 million of surpluses in National Grid and National Power. Both companies had used part of their surplus to pay redundancy bills after they were privatised in 1990.

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Pensioners of both comparties successfully challenged their former employers, only to see the companies win backing for their use of surpluses in the High Court this week. Pensions lawyers said the decision would give a "green light" to employers to extract surpluses more easily in

But Mr Justice Walker immediately gave the pensioners leave to appeal and said it is a "matter of real concern" that a decision on who owned surpluses should "depend, as it often seems to depend, on subtle and complex arguments about the meaning of scheme documents". He made clear that he was legally powerless to override decisions made by trustees and employers in

accordance with the terms of

urged a debate on the need for "more drastic legislative intervention".

Unions echoed his call for

reform. Bill Day, national pensions officer of the GMB union said: "We would go further. It is entirely inappropriate that employers can unilaterally appropriate pension scheme surpluses. Legislation is long overdue to ensure that pensioners and scheme members have proper rights when surpluses are allocated."

Pensioners also attacked the existing system. Dennis Cockerill, chairman of the Committee of Unilever Pensioners (Coup), will be writing to Harriet Harman to urge her to review the 1995 Pensions Act and to demand clarification on the ownership of surpluses.

nilever pensioners are demanding a larger share of an £800 million surplus, which is being used mainly to give the company and its current employees a contributions holiday and to build up a reserve against bad times.

The new Pensions Act has strengthened the hand of employees, in that trustees

rules if they believe an employer's proposals for using

the scheme's solvency. Trustees must agree before employers take cash out of the scheme. But the Act stopped short of specifying rules on distributions of surpluses, fearing that employers would reduce contributions or stop providing pension schemes based on final salary if they could not use surpluses as

they chose. The new Act also only covers actions by employers after April 6 this year. Many of the most high-profile battles over surpluses have been running for several years and will not come under the Act. They will have to rely on the protection of the courts to

interpret scheme rules. This week's High Court ruling on National Grid and National Power will be a blow to such employees, pensions experts believe. Mark Atkinson of Cameron McKenna. the solicitors, said: "The judge has given a lot of control to the employer. As long as he acts in good faith he can use surpluses even if there is a conflict with the wishes of

scheme members." Angela Dimsdale Gill, a partner at Lovell White Durrant, which was acting for National Power pensioners, said: "This is a case where the employer's right unilaterally to decide to use surplus for his own benefit has been upheld." The judgment reverses the normal position which enables employers to take money from the fund only if the scheme specifically allows it, she added.

are set to rise by up to 10 per cent this year, fuelled by real growth in income, better employment prospects, increasing consumer confidence and building society windfalls.

In London, which has already led the boom, the price of a home is expected to end the year 15 per cent higher. By December, a £300,000 family house will have risen £45,000. According to Ciaran Barr,

UK economist with Morgan Grenfell, the leap in prices, particularly in the capital, is partly because of a lack of supply. He said: "As more properties come on the market next year, prices should stabilise. Although other parts) of the country will start to

London houses set for 15% rise by end of the year

catch up. London will continne to outperform the North this year and next."

Morgan Grenfell's predictions come as the Land Registry, a government department, this week reported that prices had risen by more than 8 per cent nationally over the past year, and had doubled in some parts of London.

One of the beneficiaries of the buoyant housing market

will be the Blair family, who have put their home in Islington, North London, on the market for £615,000, They bought the five-bedroom property five years ago for £375,000. Islington is one of

sought after by buyers. A similiar £600,000 sum will buy a five-bedroom flat with a river view in the east of London. It will buy you a

the areas currently most

three-bedroom flat in Knightsbridge, a small castle with ten bedrooms in Scotland, or a whole terrace of houses in the North of England. In Mr Blair's Sedgefield, Durham, constituency you could buy a five-bedroom family house with garden for £86,000.

Weekend country cottages a 1980s fashion which died in the recession, are making a comeback. Increasing numbers of buyers in the South East are seeking property in the Cotswolds, Oxfordshire and Shropshire. These househunters have few concerns about interest rate rises, because they have large

deposits Though the combination of Continued on page 37



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Pop goes Hanson reputation

ow are the mighty fallen. For years Hanson featured among the ten most valuable companies quoted on the Stock Exchange. Its shares became more widely held than almost any non-privatised company. This week the revamped Hanson narrowly escaped being relegated from the FTSE 100 index, along with its offshoot Imperial Tobacco. They missed the cut but were reprieved until the autumn.

For investors, size is not important. Even so, falling out of the index is bad news. An increasing number of funds match the index and would sell their stock. Many international funds restrict their holdings to top companies in any one country. And these cuts in demand for a company's shares are reinforced by the feeling that it is on the way down.

This is not necessarily true of the former Hanson companies. Lord Hanson's retirement plan was to split his ragbag empire into four quoted companies that would either be reinvigorated or clearly labelled for takeover.

One of these plans came to fruition yesterday, when PacifiCorp, a worryingly ambitious American power com-pany, mounted a £3.6 million agreed takeover for the once Hanson-owned Energy Group. This corporate oddity seemed designed to be eaten by a US utility, pairing the US Peabody coal mines with Britain's Eastern Electric.

Eastern might have had a more exciting future on its own as a British multi-utility expanding vertically into power stations and horizontally into gas and telecoms. As it is, those of us who kept shares in Energy Group will gain,



but not as much as optimistic analysts projected when Lord Hanson sprung his demerger plan 18 months ago.

The exercise has been a disappointment. Rather than creating value, the component parts appear to be worth about 19 per cent less than old Hanson shares were at the time of the announcement. Over the period, the FTSE index has risen by 29 per cent.

Hanson was a well-conceived conglomerate that added value to businesses likely to have a lowly rating on their own. Dealing profits, accounting wheezes and tax-saving schemes played their part. These advantages faded and sentiment had turned before the demerger. With Lord White's death and Lord Hanson's retirement, it was Verona without the two

For the same reason, the rump or "new" Hanson has signally failed to follow its pop namesake to the top of the hit parade. The City equivalent of MMMBop is valued as a building

materials group with a credibility problem, not as a fashionable high-flyer. Reputations cannot be inherited.

Apart from enriching the middlemen, the demerger looks irrelevant. Faced with like problems, a new board at BTR tackled them differently. It is sorting out the rambling group internally to give it a new identity and has cut the dividend explicitly rather than by stealth. The returns have so far have been even worse. BTR shares have dropped 40 per cent in

Financial engineering can help longterm strategic change, as at Reed International, but is irrelevant to the momentum that lifts up vibrant groups and drags down tired ones. Gerry Robinson, buoyant chairman of Granada, is right to reject, for the time being. self-serving City suggestions that he should split the fast-growing group into television and hotel and services bits.

eisure and media are good businesses to be in if you have the skill and means needed to take advantage of growth opportunities. But the momentum buoying Granada upwards is the deal-making skill of Mr Robinson and his team, satisfied this week by a takeover bid for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees. Just as the downside at new Hanson is pounced on, so Granada is given the benefit of the doubt. Comment focuses. for instance, on gains from selling Forte hotels rather than provisions made against other assets. It will not always be so. Investors will know that momentum has run out when Mr Robinson presses that demerger button.

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Rush to Nationwide on conversion hopes

racks are beginning to app-ear in Nationwide Building Society's combiggest, with £40 billion assets, said it took seriously the threat tempting to get on to its board. If

The society, advised by Goldman Sachs, has valued itself at about £7 billion. This an approach was made, we would have to consider it." Potential bidders could include

The Nationwide is putting up its own five candidates for election. Ballot papers for the society's three and a half million members will be arriving in the next few days. The board is rates and low mortgage rate. Its "mutuality package" cost it but in terms of attracting new customers it seems to be paying dividends. Nationwide took in nearly £700 million of new money last month — £50 million



Surprise windfalls: Daniel Lucas, left, and Philip Anderson

floated in April. If the Nation-He also has 200 shares. Meanwhile, Anthony Lamb, convert, pressure will mount on vis said: "If the vote is substant-

to consider our position." Among Halifax shareholders basic 200 shares. He said. "I had forgotten I was a member -I just paid a direct debit into a Save-As-You-Earn scheme, and it was only when the share form came that I realised I was in for a windfall." A 200-share payout also came as a surprise to

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an Isle of White reader, is suing the Halifax claiming that his local branch failed to inform him that he should have toppedup his account to the vital inspector, said the branch emphasised the importance of replenishing its account by February 1997 but made no mention of the earlier deadline. He believes

Halifax is guilty of breach of contract. Its view is that all dead lines were made clear in mailings to customers. It is reluctant



er shares closed at 615p, ever, since flotation day on April 21, they have risen more than 70p from their initial 542.5p price. Halifax shares fell to

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Not enough shares to go round

Norwich Union offer likely to be

oversubscribed

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bers who applied for extra shares in the insurer's imminent £5.6 billion flotation will learn tomorrow whether their allocation The offer for shares is

Norwich Union has already increased its quota of shares to members by 50 per cent, at the expense of institutional investors and non-members. Further details of the alloca-

in newspapers on Monday morning. Norwich Union has said it will give a general idea tomorrow of whether the offer was

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increased from £800 million worth of shares to £1.2

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£1.2 billion. The price of the public offer is expected to be in the range of 240p to 290p per

in the range of 215p to 265p. Norwich Union will be

sending out share certificates. plus a cheque refunding ap-plicants for the balance if they did not get all the shares they had hoped for. Those members who opted

just for the windfall shares and no extra allocation should have already received their certificates. Norwich Union began sending these out yes-terday, although it acknowleges that some members may have to wait until

Many members applied for the extra allocation because of the 25p discount being offered by Norwich Union, However, the delay, which Norwich Union says is unavoidable, means that if the price of the shares falls in the first five days of trading, members may lose the benefit of the

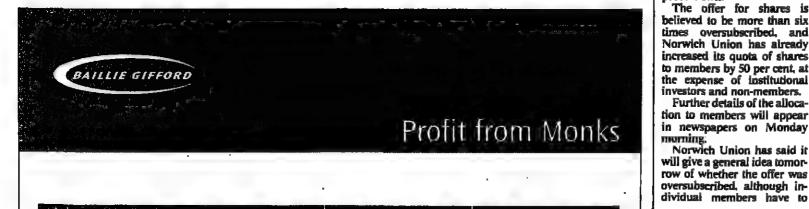
though the institutional investors, like the pension funds, are very interested in owning Norwich Union shares in their portfolios, the stock is likely to be highly volatile

However, Norwich Union is tipped as a takeover target, with some analysts suggesting that AMP, the Australian mutual insurer, might make an early raid on the shares. But most analysts agree that for the ordinary investor taking a long-term view, the

nounced a range of share dealing services to enable members to buy and sell from Monday. NatWest Bank. Barclays Stockbrokers. Cazenove and Davy Stockbrokers will deal on an execution-

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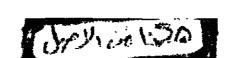
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Take interest in Nationwide

The fate of the Nationwide Building Society could determine returns to savers for the rest of the century. Anyone concerned about receiving a decent rate on their savings should take an interest in the bizarre events now unfolding at this once most mundane of mutuals.

Currently the Nationwide is beset by an Ealing comedy band of speculators, including a retired undertaker and a management consultant, who are determined to gain seats on the board and turn the society into a bank. Led by Michael Hardern, who describes himself as a freelance butler, these aspiring directors are arguing the case for conversion in a series of riverborne photo opportunities.

Mr Hardern promises to serve up £1,000 apiece to savers and borrowers if the Nationwide abandons mutu-



COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

chant bank has arrived at another calculation that puts a £7 billion price tag on the society, or £2,000 per member.

It seems that Nationwide. now the largest society, is taking seriously the implications of the Hardern assault, despite its absurd cast of characters. The society is also aware that its independence could be threatened by predators, such as the Halifax or the Abbey National. Whatever their intentions towards the Nationwide,

these banks would prefer to see the society convert or succumb to takeover. A change of status at the Nationwide would lessen competition in the savings' market, because the society would conveniently cease to offer its present attractive

branch network and betterthan-average rates.
The remaining mutuals and the banking divisions of the supermarkets would continue to produce good rates. But the Halifax and the rest would reign supreme

combination of a large

through sheer weight of branches. Generous rates for savers would not be a priority.

The Nationwide and the other committed mutuals must be boping that the Government comes to their rescue with legislation that would prevent the further shrinking of the sector. Meanwhile, savers will continue to climb aboard the Nationwide, just in case they get a chance to check the Hardern estimate of its value with the merchant bankers'

New militants

THE struggle over pension surpluses and the South West train drivers' legal action are heartening developments. Employees are at last realising the value of their investment in company pensions. Is this the new industrial militancy?

Mind the savings gap

Booming banks fail to pass on

better rates, says Caroline Merrell

B ank profits and shares are booming, thanks in part to the poor rates being paid to savers. According to a report, published this month by Simon Samuels, an analyst with Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, one of the big factors in rising profits has

been the widening of margins.

The banks, including recently converted building societies, are not passing on the full extent of any rise in borrowing rates to their savers. Last week, in the wake of the 0.25 per cent base rate rise, both the Halifax, which became a bank earlier this month, and the [] Abbey National increased their mortgage rates by 0.35 per cent. Over the past two months, mortgages rates have risen 0.7 per cent, while savers' rates increased 0.5 per cent. Halifax savers' rates will not rise again until July.

Mr Samuels calculates that in 1983 savers received a rate just 1.31 per cent below the base rate. This has now fallen to 3.9 per cent. The interest rate margin, the difference between the rate paid to savers and the rate charged to bor-



rowers, at the converted societies like the Halifax is now 2.1 per cent. This compares with an average interest rate mar-gin of 15 per cent at those societies that are determined

to remain mutual, like the Bradford & Bingley. The Nationwide has seen its interest rate margin fall from 2.36 per cent to 1.80 per cent. Mr Samuels notes that margins

Halifax and the other converting societies announced their decision to become banks. Customers anxious to qualify for windfalls became less concerned with the rate they were receiving on their savings.

Although the Alliance & Leicester strengthened its competitive position in the last few remaining months as a society, it has seen the defection of thousands of customers to its rivals. Nationwide, for instance, reports that it received £700 million in new deposit money last month, of which £50 million came from the Alliance & Leicester.

The Halifax is also suffering an outflow of funds, but Mr Samuels estimates that the effects of the floration will cushion the society against the loss of deposits. Thousands of other savers will sell their shares and leave the proceeds in Halifax accounts.

Besides being unimpressed by the former building socrties, Mr Samuels finds little to praise in the savings schemes offered by the traditional high street banks. The report said: Natwest is one of the most uncompetitive banks in the UK in the longer 30-day and 90-day deposit accounts and remains uncompetitive in the interest paying cheque product."

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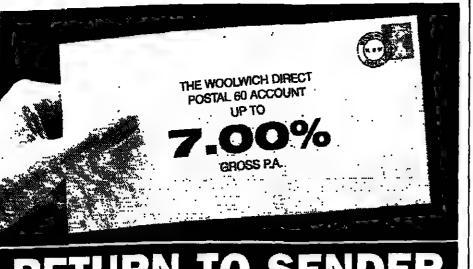
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A lesson for grandparents



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ith "failing" schools often in the news and the whole question of educational standards a political football at the last election. many grandparents are increasingly concerned about the education of their grandchildren and are anxious to help in some way. One such grandparent, Sarah Archer, of Buxton, Derbyshire, has asked for advice on whether to put money in trust for her two grandsons' education. They are at present aged 12 and 13. There are a number of

different means by which money can be set aside for grandchildren in a tax efficient way. A trust may not always be necessary or desirable. For example, School Fees Investment Advisers (SFIA), of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, offers a tax-efficient scheme that has proved particularly popular with grandparents alled the Guaranteed School

The scheme can also be used to help to cover the living expenses of older children when they go to university.

Chris Procter, of SFIA, said: The attraction of the scheme concerned is that there is no investment risk and since the money has not come from the parents, the payments made from the plan are treated as the child's income. So the child's own personal allowance, currently £4.045 [a year], can be set off against the

Under the scheme, the grandparents' capital is used to buy an offshore annuity from Royal Life International which is based in the Isle of Man. The annuity provides termly payments from a future date determined by the investor for whatever the period chosen, say five years.

It is advisable to set up the plan at least a year before the



Falling standards since the 1960s mean many more families are paying for education

payments start. The level of benefits is determined at the outset. They will depend on the annuity rates prevailing at the time, the size of your investment and how soon payments are required. The minimum that can be invested per child is £5,000. As the nvestment is made outside the UK - in the Isle of Man - the growth of the underlying assets is tax free. This is reflected

Annuities are designed to produce a high level of regular payouts consisting of both capital and income so they are a good way of funding termly fees from a lump sum. However, other investments can also be used to generate capital growth or income which can be used for a child's

in annuity rates.

educational needs. Simon Philip, of Binder Hamlyn, the accountant, points out that many ordinary investments can be held in nominee names for children at no extra cost. He said: "A grandparent

can put money into a variety of

investments from National Savings and building society accounts to investment and unit trusts and designate them with his or her name and that of the child. A record of the gift should be kept. Then any capital gains or income from the investments can be set against the child's personal allowances and XST reclaimed."

A potential drawback of this arrangement in the eyes of some elderly relations is that the ownership of these invest-

specified age, say, 25, but this can be left to the discretion of the trustees. According to Clive Scott Hopkins, of Towry Law, the THE TIMES SA

independent financial adviser, which produces a free leaflet on accumulation and maintenance trusts, the cost of setting up a trust will vary from £500 to £1,500 depending on the fees charged by your legal adviser. Annual trust accounts and tax returns will also be required which could cost from £250 to £1,000. Investment management charges may be incurred too. So these trusts are really only practicable when substantial sums of, say, £100,000 or more are involved.

One of the advantages of grandparents setting money aside for their grandchildren's education is that it can help to cut down on a possible future. inheritance tax bill. Annual gifts of £3,000 can made free of tax anyway. But larger gifts are currently treated as "potentially exempt transfers", which means that if the donor survives for a further seven years, no tax is payable.

Rothenberg, of Blick Rothenberg, the accountant, said: There is a high risk that after the Budget on July 2 a charge may be made on lifetime gifts." So any grandparents wishing to make a substantial gift may wish to act before that date, but they should always seek professional advice first. Life insurance policies are

often set up and placed in trust so that they fall outside a policyholder's estate. This may be done to ensure that a widow, for example, gets the proceeds quickly and does not have to wait for probate or provide other beneficiaries with money to pay inheritance tax bills on the rest of the

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viding they are under 25.

However. Mr Rothenberg believes that many Norwich Union policyholders who have set up trusts may have overlooked the fact when free shares were handed out

He pointed out: "It means that these shares do not actually belong to the policyholder. They belong to the trust. This also means they cannot be placed in a Pep. Anyone who has put a policy in trust needs to look at the situation carefully and seek advice on what they can do with their shares."

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The contents of Gordon Brown's first Budget on July 2 becomes daily the subject of greater speculation. Observers are loath to dismiss any rumour because so little is yet known of Mr

Brown's policies.
Coopers & Lyhrand, the accountancy firm, has now issued its racing card of Budget odds, placing bets on the intentions of this unknown Chancellor. The windfall tax on utilities, reduction of VAT on domestic fuel and the abolition of tax relief on private medical insurance for the over-oos are seen as dead certs at odds of 1-5.

The abolition of mortgage interest tax relief, the restriction of capital gains und inheritance tax reliefs and a reduction in advanced corporation tax, the dividend tax credit, are seen as a 2-1 shot. At 3-1, meanwhile, are higher petrol duties and the introduction of the individual savings account (ISA). A 10 per cent or 15 per cent starting rate for income tax and the abolition of higher-rate pension tax relief are 4-1.

Here we list the measures that accountants and others suggest could form part of the Brown Budget.

Pensions: There is speculation that Mr Brown may abolish higher-rate relief on pension contributions. But the reform might not take immediate effect. John Whiting of Price Waterhouse believes that the difficulty in managing the change means that Mr Brown could delay any reform until April 1998.

Some cast doubt on whether the measure would be workable. According to Steve Midwinter, of Delaitte & Touche, higher-rate relief could easily be removed from Pep holders. But it would be administratively more difficult for finalsalary pension schemes, where employer's contributions are not made on behalf of any particular individual. As it is difficult to calculate how much is naid in on behalf of each employee, it would be tricky to work out how much tax relief should be withdrawn.

■ Housing: Mr Brown may be contemplating an increase in the rate of stamp duty on property purchases, accord-

Brown to take us into the unknown



Disappearing act? Paul Daniels has said he may go abroad

ing to Maurice Fitzpatrick of Chantrey Vellacott. The tax is charged at the rate of I per cent on properties of more

than £60,000. He could double this rate. For those who buy a house for only a little more than £60.000 he could introduce an interim rate Off

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£60,000 and £100,000. Mr manifesto. The ISA is a poten-Whiting thinks stamp duty on

it raises useful revenue. Indeed some tightening of the rules is possible.

Savings: There is growing conviction that Mr Brown will use his first

Budget to prounveil posals the individual savings account (ISA) outlined in the Labour

tial successor to the personal shares is here to stay because equity plan (Pep) and tax exempt special savings ac-

David Major, of Deloite & Touche, suggests what form the new long-term savings incentive could take. Mr Major proposes that ISA investors would contrib-

ute to a fund holding a wide variety of investments, including cash, shares, gilts, corpo-rate bonds and property. They would not enjoy tax relief on their contributions, but the fund would be free of income and capital gains tax.

There would be either a

lifetime or an annual limit on contributions. Mr Major envisages that since ISAs have many of the same features as Peps and Tessas, they would easily replace these schemes. They would also supplant the Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS), which gives tax 20 per cent tax relief on a a maximum £100,000 invest-

ment in unquoted companies.

The Building Societies Association would like to see the Chancellor re-evaluate the way that investments are taxed. The organisation recommends the introduction of a new personal allowance which could be set against any

At present, the tax treatment of income generated by equi-ties is different from the tax treatment of income generaled by deposits. For example, investors can put up to £9,000 into personal equity plans every year and receive the gains tax free, but only £9,000 can be put into a depositbased Tessa over the product's lifetime. The BSA says this has lead to "an unnecess and unfair distortion of the savings market".

■ Income tax: Although Mr Brown has pledged not to raise tax rates, there is now general acceptance that he will find other ways to tax individuals more heavily. The economics team at ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, expect these changes to be targeted at high earners, with Labour anxious to continue to foster trust mong ordinary taxpayers.

The prospect of higher taxes this week caused Paul Daniels, the magician, to repeat his warning that he would

leave Britain. But, according to several accountants, Mr Brown could execute a conjuring trick that would remove the fear of high taxes for the handsomely paid by making it less easy for them to earn large amounts in the first place.

At present, companies can set salaries against their cor-poration tax bills. The Chancellor could bar businesses from deducting salaries of more than, say, £250,000-plus from their corporation tax



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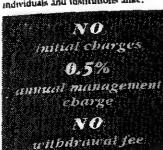
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Caroline Merrell concludes her two-part article on EMU's costs and effects

The euro rolls on regardless

economic and monetary union lost a lot of momentum this week. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development predicted that Germany. France and [taly would all fail meet the Maastricht

However, behind the scenes, preparations are still going ahead for the replacement of each of the European

currencies with the euro. At the moment, there are 12.5 billion banknotes circulating in the European Union, with another 8.5 billion held in store. Every year, six million new notes are printed for the 15 European Union central banks. Fifteen printing works scattered around Europe have the task of printing the new notes. The job of producing the paper for currency has been carried out by nine paper mills throughout the Continent.

The countries involved in preparing for the arrival of the euro put a 2002 deadline on the introduction of the new notes, and as it takes at least five years to design and originate a new note, preparations are well under way. The size colour and denomination of each note has already been derided as has the basic design. The words on the euro have been kept to a minimum, bearing in mind Europe's mixed cultural influences.

The different printing works will continue to print the new notes, although steps must be taken to ensure that the notes from the various places are identical. They will have to invest in new machinery, and the new raw materials will have to be bought.

The details of how the old European notes can be swapped for the new notes have yet to be hammered out. In principle, notes will be exchanged at fixed conversion rates. The European banks are currently trying to come up with a system of allowing an exchange of notes that will be free for customers.

Platemaking for the new notes should begin next year, with full-scale production scheduled for 1999. The costs

of producing the new notes bonds. She said: "About 15 per has yet to be apportioned to the different countries.

Joining the single currency will also have other significant costs for all companies, including the life insurance and investment companies. This latter group of companies have no choice but to pass the costs on to customers and shareholders. The Association of British Insurers believes that the cost of insurers joining the single currency will reach at least a £1 billion for the entire industry. The main elements of these costs are information technology, staff training and reprinting documentation. There will be a cost to life insurance companies of

according to the ABI. The single currency will also bring with it eventual changes to the way billions of pounds is managed in pensions and in investment policies. At the

staying out of EMU - about a

fifth of the costs of joining,

Staying out of EMU would cost life insurers about one fifth as much as would going in

equities managed by UK insurance companies are the shares of the UK companies. Jannette Weir, a researcher

at the ABI who has been examining the effects of the single currency, said: "If you look at the market capitalisation of European companies. then only about 16 per cent of portfolios should be invested

Ms Weir believes that if economic and monetary union does go ahead, then the pension and insurance companies would readjust their portfolios eventually. She also pointed out that the UK insurance companies had a high proportion of UK fixed-interest securities like gilts and corporate

Last week, the euro explained, and right, it will have a big impact on foreign exchange dealers

cent of insurance company investments are in UK fixedinterest securities, with only 2 per cent in Europe." She believes that these proportions would eventually be reversed if the single currency goes

The ABI's overall conclusion about EMU is that the benefit to the insurance companies will be slightly on the positive side, but the association does not believe that staying out would prove too detrimental.

At one time, it was thought that the UK taxpayer could end up subsidising the pensions of other European countries. However, under a stability pact, introduced to ensure that each of the countries continued to fulfil certain economic criteria after the introduction of a single currency, this will no longer be the case. There will be no transfer of funds between countries. Each of the participating countries will have to ensure that their economies stay within certain economic limits. If they do not, they will

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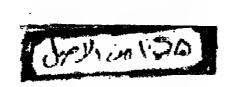
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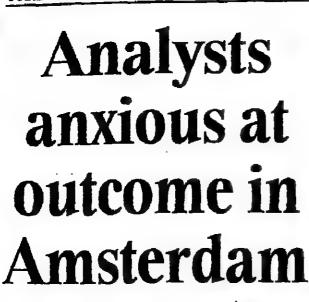
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Nathan Yates says prolonged

turbulence over EMU could

prove disastrous for markets

MILLIONS of investors will be watching with anxiety next week as European governments wrangle over the future of economic and monetary union (EMU) at the Amsterdam summit. Analysts say that the outcome will have radical effects on stock markets and trusts all over Europe, and an

unfavourable result could prove disastrous.

This week political tension mounted over the future of EMU as Europe's politicians scrambled for an agreement. If this turbulent period is prolonged, or if there are other adverse outcomes from the Amsterdam summit, managers of European funds fear difficult times lie ahead.

nstability over the future of EMU has already hit specialist European funds hard. Performance figures by Micropal show that some of these have fallen by nearly 4 per cent in just the last two weeks, after the Socialist win in the Last Two weeks. in the French election and the doubts over Germany's ability to squeeze its spending levels within the EMU qualifying criteria. In the same period the FT Eurotrack index has oscillated wildly. from a high of 2,400.50 to a low of 2,294.96.

Fund managers fear that if the right choices are not made in Amsterdam, this poor showing could be dwarfed by a much greater downturn. "I am very worried about Amsterdam and just about everybody with interests in Europe will be," said Daniele Serreya of Schroder. "In the worst scenario the summit could cause a very bad market, and Europe would not be the place

to have any money." The crux of the Amsterdam meeting will be negotiations on the "stability pact" which will determine the targets countries will have to meet if they are to qualify for inclusion in EMU in 1999. This pact was originally thought to be a rubber stamping of a "nar-row" EMU based on the German and French economies. Strict limits on interest rates, borrowing and other economic measures would have to be met before other countries would be permitted to join.

But the French election victory for the Socialists means narrow EMU in 1999 is looking increasingly unlikely. The new regime is pledged to create 700,000 jobs through public spending which would disqualify it from this type of EMU, and this week it said it needed more time to consider

the stability pact proposals. Chancellor Kohl is still determined to push through strict criteria, and a clash between the French and Germans could occur. The German Government is itself battling with unemployment costs which could take its budget deficit beyond the 3 per cent of GNP which the stabil-

ity pact stipulates. If the narrow EMU cannot be salvaged, from the investor's point of view the alternatives are fraught with pitfalls. European leaders could decide to press ahead with the 1999 start date, and relax the eco-



Bridge building: but will the Amsterdam summit mean the beginning of the end for EMU?

reduce the incentive for Euro



met by participating countries. Or EMU could be delayed. raising speculation that it may

In both cases, the repercus-sions could be severe. If EMU is delayed, the mark would no longer be seen to be weak by aligning with other currencies. "Traders would buy marks, and the with a stonger mark German exports would become more expensive," said George Magnus, chief economist at UBS. "This could flat-

ten the recovery in Germany.' Weaker currencies like the lira or peseta would plummet. Some analysts believe that the resulting export boost would benefit stock markets, but others fear weaker economies would be tipped into a down-ward spiral. "The markets have assumed that EMU will go ahead on time, and if thereis a delay Spanish, Italian and emerging economies could be hit," said Roger Guy of Gart-

pean companies to improve efliciency, because they would still be able to exploit distor-

ria are relaxed, many econobe far too high for Germany,

and its market would suffer. Fund managers fear a compromise will be difficult to achieve but most think it is too early for investors to panic. The EMU problems are temporary, and we are holding to our view that the long term outlook for European markets is positive," said Frances Dean



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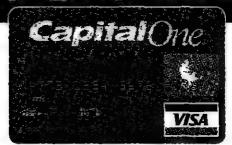
tions of currency values."

If the EMU qualifying crite-

mists believe less restrictive budgeting would release a consumer boom, and a weaker euro would also be a boost for exporters. However, this could prove a mixed blessing. "The worst outcome of Amsterdam in the longer term would be a loose interpretation of the criteria," said Talal Shakerchi of Old Mutual. "Admitting countries which are not converging could create huge irregularities. For example, if italy was not able to compete by devaluing, there could soon be a huge recession there. Also, if interest rates were set for the entire EU, they could

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ments, according to Nigel Griffiths, Consumers Affairs Minister. Mr Griffiths gave warning that timeshare touts were on the prowl in European resorts

Spain rapped on timeshares

nyone contemplating using their building society windfall to pur-chase a timeshare this week might

pean Union Timeshare Directive, which own language and a ten-day cooling-off period. Mr Griffiths said that he would be raising the issue with his Spanish

For many timeshare buyers, the problems first arise when they attempt to sell their share. Faced with rising annual maintenance charges, some relinquish their rights and are left with nothing.

According to Diana Hanks, consumer services manager at the Timeshare Council, the industry's watchdog: "When trying to sell, owners would be unwise to rely on realising the original purchase price, especially if the weeks owned are

Edward and Dolores Robinson, both in their late seventies, bought a studio at the Clube Praia da Oura (CPO), near Albufeira, Portugal, in 1983. "To start Alonetra, Portugat, in Poss. To Sant with we enjoyed our holidays," Mrs Robinson said. The couple paid £4,480 for occupancy rights for four weeks from mid-April to mid-May until the year 2011.

The annual maintenance charge was £140. By 1994 Mrs Robinson was suffering from angina so they decided to sell, DAYLING IS TOO IGG ID resale register run by Petchey (Management and Finance) Limited, CPO's man-Ilford, Essex.

By January last year the studio was still unsold and the maintenance charge had mounted to £621 a year. Facing a court summons and unable to find the money, they relinquished their rights. A number of Club Praia de Oura members have now formed an association to gain a say

Ron Mills of Petchey said that the

company had not taken any owner to court for failure to pay maintenance charges. He said Petchey's resale register had about a 20 per cent success rate. "This is a substantially higher sales rate than the resale companies achieve and is the reason we started the resale register. as a service to our owners," he added.

A list of approved timeshare resale agencies can be obtained from the Timeshare Council. Tel: 0171-821 8845. The Department of Trade and Industry is also issuing a booklet on timeshares. It can be obtained by calling 0171-510 0174 and quoting reference: URN/97/643.

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Jason Nissé charts the ups and downs of Singer & Friedlander's football fund

Crowd pleaser or own goal?

lan Hansen's face has become a familiar sight, not only for A familiar sight, not only for viewers of BBC's Match of the Day, where the former Liverpool captain's good looks and intelligent captain's good tooks and intelligent comments have given him cult status, but also on the finance pages. His image has been used for the advertising of Singer & Friedlander's football fund, one of the most overhyped and disappointing launches since Mercury Asset Management and Kleinwort Benson ventured into the uncertain world of European privatisations.

The football fund, launched in January, raised £35 million from investors who were attracted by the glamour of the burgeoning football sector, which had seen the value of leading clubs climb as much as 500 per

Hansen was signed on a lucrative contract (rumoured to be £100,000 a year) to give football advice, essentially saying who will win the FA Carling Premiership or whether Stan Collymore was really worth £7 million, Essentially, he is there to market the fund but gives no investment advice.
Hansen is also involved in Soccer though, missed most of the problems.
It defined the football sector widely. Investments, another footballing enterprise, a shell company that he has floated on AIM, along with Mike Edelson, the man who reversed Conrad into Sheffield United, and Sir Rodney Walker, of Sports Council fame. They are planning to take over a football club, so bringing the number of listed clubs into the late teens.

Singer could not have chosen a worse time to launch its fund, which came at the peak of the football market. The Nomura index, which tracks the value of the leading clubs including those which are not actually listed on the stock market or AlM such as Arsenal, Liverpool and Everton - has fallen by more than a third since early February.

The flotations of Aston Villa and Newcastle United suffered as the excitement ebbed in the market. Both stand well below their issue price and there are quite a few investors who paid twice Aston Vilia's current market price for their shares. Singer,

saying it would put money into football-related companies like Hay & Robinson, which makes the Ruud Gullit range of clothing, and BSkyB. which carries live football. It has also kept itself fairly liquid, holding about 30 per cent of its assets in cash. All the same, the fund's net asset value is down 5.6 per cent since launch and, with early withdrawis, there is now

The question is, will the market turn? The decline of the sector has shown little signs of decreasing, but there is good reason to suggest it is close to its floor. First, the real excitement was generated by two factors: last summer's Euro 96 tournament and the prospect of pay-per-view TV, which is expected to increase

just £30 million in Singer's pot.

clubs' revenues from televised games. The World Cup takes place in France next summer, and the excitement generated by the tournament is sure to build throughout this year,

it. On pay-per-view, BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, is bound to test it on a live match soon. Once there is a successful test, the pay-perview hype will resume.

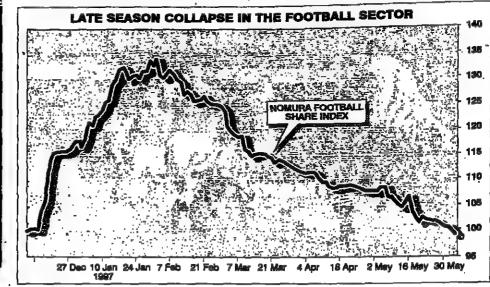
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Also it is clear that the market has some clubs valued wrongly. Manchester United has fallen with everyone else, yet its prospects are so much brighter than the rest of the sector that it is hardly comparable to the likes of Sheffield United or Chariton Athletic. Newcastle United is also an interesting prospect, thanks to its plans to build a new 55,000-sear stadium at Castle Leazes.

Though there is some concern about the cost of the project, the extra revenue Castle Leazes could bring makes Newcastle United a double play, with both a stadium and a payper-view kicker. Tony Fraher at Singer, though, thinks the club is too expensive at current levels. He may regret this decision as many have regretted investing in his fund.



Familiar face: Alan Hansen on Match of the Day



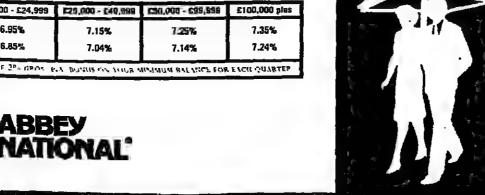
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Continued from page 31 competitive than the rest of the industry in all of our deposit categories. This is especially true in transaction-based deposit accounts."

However, the Abbey National has increased the rates on its Bonus Postal account by up to 0.95 per cent, following on from the base rate change last month. The rates on the account now vary between 6.85 per cent and 7.35 per cent. hose who have £2,000 and £10,000 to save, the interest rate is set at 6.85 per cent: savings of between £10.000 and £25,000 will attract a rate of 6.95 per cent; while amounts of more than £25,000 will get a rate of 7.15 per cent. Those who have

more than £100,000 to save will get 7,35 per cent. Ambrose McGinn, Abbey National's director of retail savings, said: "The Bonus Postal account is the marketleading account, and these

latest rate changes ensure that this will remain the case."

Abbey National, has also increased the interest rates on its Investor 90 account by 0.25 per cent - the same amount as the base rate. The rate on the Investor 90 account now varies between 4.4 per cent and 6.55 per cent. Those who have £2,000 to save will earn 4.4 per cent interest, while those with £50,000 to save will earn 5.9 per cent.

ted to remaining mutual, also increased its savings rates this week, but it kept its mortgage rates at the same level. This society now pays between 3 per cent and 6.25 per cent on savings. For example, the bonus builder account offers a rate of 4.5 per cent on £5,000 savings, while the high interest instant access account pays

Lloyds Bank has introduced a high interest deposit account which pays 6.85 per cent per

per cent over one year. Those who wish to apply for the account must do so by July 27 at the latest. Savers can invest sums of between £2,500 and

Bradford & Bingley. another society pledged to remain mutual, is promising to pay instant access accounts a higher rate of interest than the average offered in smilar accounts by banks and converting building societies. The First Choice account pays between 3.4 per cent and 4.05 per-cent.

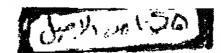
Leeds & Holbeck has launched a new 30-Day account offering an interest rate of up to 7 per cent. The minimum investment in the account is £10,000, Interest can be paid monthly. Savings between £10,000 and £24.999 carry an interest of 6.65 per cent. The rate increases to 7 per cent for those with more than £100,000.

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Can horrors of house buying be exorcised?

enemy number one as the housing market hots up and fierce competition for scarce property brings 1980s-style stress for buyers

This week, the Government promised a review of the whole conveyancing system, widely criticised for its unpredictability and slowness. At the same time, estate agents are being asked to sign up to an extended ombudsman scheme which would give consumers an independent complaints procedure.

This follows a stern warning to agents last week from the Office of Fair Trading that they could be banned or stripped of consumer credit licences for failing to pass on offers or disclose potential conflicts of interest.

So will all this make buying or selling a home less of a nightmare?

Will any of these things stop gazump-ing? I have lost two proper-ties because other people have made higher offers.

Under the current system, there can be a gap of weeks, sometimes months, between having your offer accepted and actually exchanging contracts. Until you exchange, the estate agent is legally bound to pass on all offers to the seller, who can accept a better offer even if you have already spent money on a survey and legal fees. The Government is considering ways of penalising gazumping, including a costs guarantee where each side would have to refund costs if a deal falls through.

Why can't the Government just change the law so that people sign the contract immediately after making an offer?

The Lord Chancellor's A Department claims there is nothing in current English law to stop you doing just that. But your seller has to agree, a tricky thing in a rising market, when he could miss out on a better offer. Agents will almost certainly not be keen, because the higher the price, the larger their commission. Some people negotiate voluntary lockout agreements where both sides agree to exchange within a certain time.

The Scottish system looks superficially more attractive. Potential buyers make sealed bids and the winner signs the contract immed-

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paying for several surveys and searches on properties you do not get. Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Alfairs Minister, indicated a preference for the Scottish system earlier this week but other government departments said that changing to the Scottish system was not

Will I be more complain to the new ombudsman if I've been gazumped?

government policy.

Almost certainly not on those grounds alone. Agents work for the seller and have a duty to get the best price by handing on all offers. As the OFT made clear last week agents can be banned for taking fees from buyers to "ring-fence" properties. But you may be able to complain if the agent does not explain this, because this would be a breach of professional codes of conduct.

What else will be covered under the ombudsman scheme?

You will be able to go A to the ombudsman if the agent has breached laws or professional codes of practice, or if you believe you have suffered unfair treatment or maladministration. The bad practices outlined by the OFT last week should come within the ombudsman's remit. These include failing to declare a personal interest to a seller, and failing to tell a seller if there is a potential conflict of interest through earning commission on insurance sales to buyers.

l'm confused. I thought there was already an estate agents' ombudsman scheme.

A There is a lune which only covers cor-There is a limited one which are part of a chain. independent agents are not covered. But now the three professional bodies for estate agents have written to their members asking for support to set up an extend-

When will the scheme compensation can I claim?

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Continued from page 29 a rise in interest rates and the prospect of the Chancelfor removing mortgage interest tax relief (Miras) in next month's Budget could take the heat out of the market, Mr Barr believes the result will be only temporary. "It makes sense now to own a home," he said. "With mortgage rates at between 7 and 8 per cent and house prices rising by 9 per cent, you are making money just

by living there."
Outside London and the South East the boom is on a smaller scale. In the North West, Peter Davies of estate agents Thompson and Partners said the market is active but prices remain static.

First-time buyers are returning in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire where price rise by the year end.

MARIANNE CURPHEY Research by Alex Bagner

Bad landlords face day of reckoning

incompetent or neglident landlords or agents as managers and take control of their block's management themselves should prepare for action now, according to Lease, the independent lease-

hold advisory service. The Government is expected to sign the final papers giving the green light to an extended network of leasehold valuation tribunals (LVTs) this month, to start early in July.

Flat-owners, who mostly own their flats on long leases. will be able to contest high service charges at tribunal. But the tribunals should also open the way for leaseholders to gain permanent control of the overall management of their property.

Peter Haler, chief executive of Lease, says there should be nothing to stop leaseholders forming themselves into a company and applying to the tribunal collectively to replace a bad manager. This could be the landlord himself or his agent. Once the leaseholders' company is in place as managing agent, it can subcontract management duties to its own chosen professional agent.

Such an arrangement

Sara McConnell on the prospect

of leasehold valuation tribunals

would leave the landlord as freeholder but remove the power to manage the property. levy service charges or carry out unnecessary repairs.
Thousands of leaseholders

have been waiting for the chance to challenge high service charges and poor management of property through the tribunals, which were promised in April but delayed because of the election.

Unlike county courts, tribunals will charge a fixed fee of a maximum of £500 and will not have the power to award costs. Leasehold reform campaigners see LVTs as the key to strengthened rights for leaseholders, allowing them to take on landlords and their agents without facing the uncertainty of paying the landlord's costs if they lose.

The county courts already have the power to replace bad managers. But leaseholders, rather than the courts, will be able to nominate a replacement. Mr Haler argues that such a power "will give tenants

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the right to manage by the back door". When it was in opposition. Labour tried unsuccessfully to insert an amendment into last year's Housing Act which would have given leaseholders the right to manage their own

blocks. The amendment was resisted and overturned by the Conservatives. But tribunals. the Tories' response to demands for more leaseholder rights, look set to confer the right to manage anyway.

The first applications for tribunal hearings are expected to be accepted next month, after Hilary Armstrong, the Housing Minister, has signed the final orders. Lease is drawing up standard application forms and a leaflet explaining how the tribunals work. To rid yourselves of a bad manager you will have to

show either: ■ The landlord is in breach of management obligations under the lease.

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■ The landlord has failed to comply with recognised codes of practice for managing agents. These are issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyers (RICS) or the Association of Retirement Housing Managers (ARHM) for shel-tered housing.

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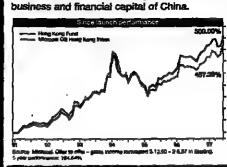
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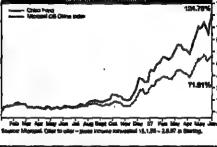
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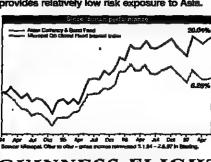
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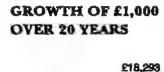
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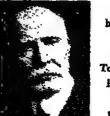












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Investment trusts are long-term buys

Sir, I would like to take up some points raised by Nathan Yates in his article "Predators on the Prowl" (Weekend Money, June 7). The article contained some fairly extreme language. One phrase in particular caught my eye "in one of the unspoken scandals of the financial industry, trust directors have failed to act to prevent discounts from widen-

First, I would strongly reject the suggestion of any scandal, unspoken or otherwise, in the investment trust industry. What we have seen in recent months, as always, is the stock market operating in its usual way. Many investment trust shares have not kept up with the surge in equity markets and discounts have indeed

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From Mr R. G. Ferguson

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R. FERGUSON.

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context of the past 20 years the present level is quite modest at If per cent, having been over 30 per cent and as low as 4 per cent. Even so, the activities of predator funds and arbitrageurs confirm that this is a buying opportunity - and one that should not be missed by private investors. Secondly, it is quite obvious

that directors cannot act in a direct sense in influencing the share price. Any such manipulation is likely to be illegal. In extreme circumstances a reduction of capital may be considered, but investors must be aware that the structure of an investment trust company is long term in nature.

Indeed, investment trusts' superior performance is dependent upon the underlying

portfolio being built for the long term.

The third point I would like to make is about performance itself. The industry comprises some 350 individual companies all with different investment objectives and performance. The generalist trusts with a wide spread of equity investments have shown consistently steady performance.

True, the performance of highly specialised funds is more volatile - as should be expected. The Far East sector shows net asset value total returns on £100 of only 85 and 89 for one and three years respectively, although 380 over 10 years.

Finally, I come to the role of directors. This association is keen to ensure that the industry follows best practice, in-

The Stock Exchange and the AITC requires that all investment trust companies must have a majority of independent directors and each and every director, independent or not, must put the interests of the shareholder first. If the thrust of Mr Yates's article is that this is not the case then

the industry must redouble its effort to prove him wrong. My conclusion is that investment trust company boards are effective and efficient in looking after the interests of the shareholder. Yours faithfully. ERNEST FENTON.

Director General. Trust Companies, Durrant House,

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From Mrs Sue Parkes Sir, If Mr Edmonds (Suffering from an identity crisis. Weekend Money Letters, May 31) feels he has difficulties joining a building society he might find Sainsbury's Bank an even

greater challenge.
It took me four attempts and not even the universally accepted electricity bill won it over. I was admitted only after having supplied my current bank statements together with a letter from the Halifax regarding my share allocation. Yours faithfully,

SUE PARKES 36 Thornhill Road, Halesowen, Dudley, West Midlands.

Topsy-turvy tale of Pru retraining

From Mr T. Chevalier Sir. If it is not the fault of the Pru sales staff that they need retraining (Pru staff get free shares to retrain, June 7) then it must be the fault of their managers? No, their directors? No. it's 90 per cent the policyholders' (customers') fault! In this topsy-turvy world are directors and shareholders responsible for anything? That policyholders are to contribute 90 per cent of the cost of retraining the Pru's ill-trained staff is absurd. I thought shareholders appointed directors to direct and take responsibility for success and failure. It now appears Pru directors and shareholders are only 10

per cent responsible for their poor management. I have no financial interest in the Pru but if it can get away with this it may be

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but definitely not a policy. Yours faithfully, TOM CHEVALIER 10 Broughton Avenue. Toddingston, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, worthwhile buying shares,

THE WEEK IN MONEY

Stock Exchange over poten-

■ VIRGIN DIRECT has been criticised by other Pep providers for its aggressive marketing campaign which, they argue, threatens to bring the fund management industry into disrepute. Virgin Direct claims that up to 90 per cent of Pep customers are victims of poor investment performance and brands 24 rival funds as "superdogs" that have failed to give value.

■ PAY specialists believe that the escalating cost of the profit-related pay schemes may lead Gordon Brown to accelerate their phasing out in his first Budget. Tax relief on PRP schemes reached more than £1.5 billion last year. New evidence reveals that companies are making increased use of the schemes before the loss of the associated tax benefits.

■ ABBEY NATIONAL was forced to apologise to the

tially price-sensitive remarks about merger talks with NatWest Bank. Abbey had spoken to the press before the Stock Exchange ruling out a deal with NatWest. An Abbey spokesman said: "We are deeply sorry ... we should not have been quite so definite in our public statement without prior Stock Exchange approval."

■ EVERY housebuyer's worst nightmare, gazuniping, may become a thing of the past. Nigel Griffiths, Minister for Consumer Affairs, plans to stop the tactic of offering a higher price for property above the level agreed with another buyer by extending the Scottish system of house buying for use in England and Wales.

THE High Court ruled that National Grid and National Power acted lawfully in using pension scheme sur- and non-members.

pluses totalling nearly £350 million to fund redundancies after the privatisation.

■ WOOLWICH has raised its mortgage rate to 7.95 per cent. The rise will take immediate effect for new borrowers, but existing borrowers will not pay the new rate until June 19.

■ NATIONWIDE would be valued at £7 billion if it opted for flotation, according to the society's own calculation about its potential value. Members could benefit from a windfall of nearly £2.000 on conversion or takeover.

■ DEMAND for shares from Norwich Union members has been so great that the insurer is to increase the number of additional shares for members by 50 per cent by clawing back £400 million worth of stock originally earmarked for institutions

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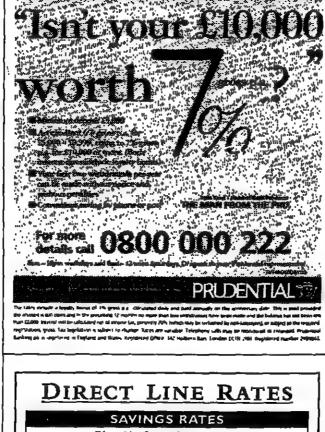
Sir. I take a professional interest in your article (Watch-dog attacked over group schemes, Weekend Money, May 31). Your correspondent implies lack of transparency and high set-up charges are inevitably associated with group personal pensions to the detriment of early leavers.

This is not our experience. Neither is it impossible to provide good communication methods to ensure that employees fully understand the

tackle these issues, without the need for increased regulation. It is called good practice and I am happy to report that there is still a lot of it around. Yours faithfully, G. LUNT, PIFC Benefit

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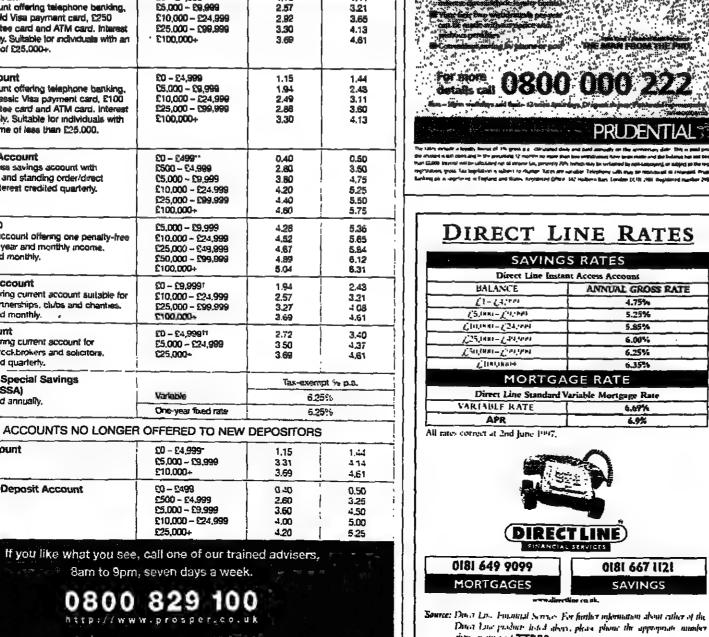


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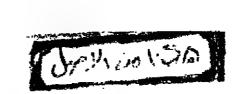
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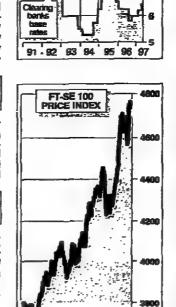
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RACING: EASTERBY OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO UNRAVEL COMPETITIVE SIX-FURLONG HANDICAP

Double Action can deliver net profit

By CHRIS McGrath

AS A means of getting your eye in for Royal Ascot, having a bet on the William Hill Trophy at York this afternoon might seem akin to a rusty batsman being asked to pad up against Devon Malcolm in

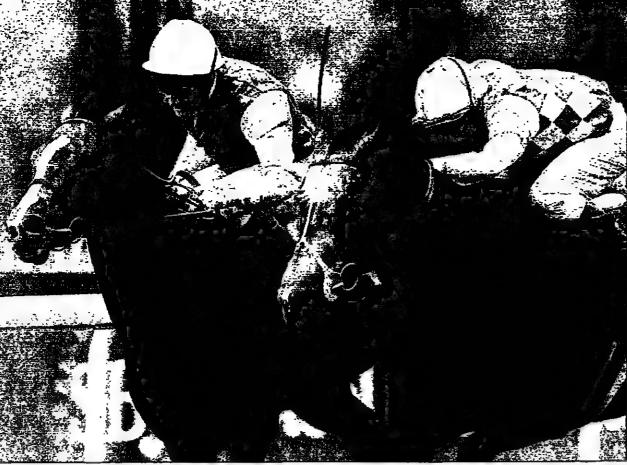
the nets. With a 19-runner, bookmaker-sponsored sprint handicap as the cornerstone of Channel 4's coverage, it is not difficult to imagine punters starting



the royal meeting on Tuesday with the financial equivalent of two front teeth missing.

But there is a plausible look about Double Action - and not only for those taking an interest at generous odds to-day. For he is trained by Tim Easterby and ridden by Kieren Fallon, whose combination with Bollin Joanne in Friday's Wokingham Handicap yesterday inspired further ante-post support (10-) from 16-1 with Coral).

It is the booking of Failon that indicates some sort of light is about to emerge from



Orsay, right, gets the better of Game Ploy in the Devitt Insurance Services Handicap at Sandown yesterday

under Double Action's bushel. A winner at Thirsk last year, Double Action has not been able to show his best in three starts this term, notably when badly drawn over five furlongs for the last two. He is

undoubtedly capable of better. and the return to his favoured distance can enable him to prove the point.

Double Action (3.40) is out Ayr Gold Cup in the mud for on a father's knee.

Peter Easterby - a fact that offers encouragement that he will handle the softish ground. It might also suggest that the art of preparing a horse for a of Final Shot, who won the big handicap can be learned

Lynda Ramsden, another northern trainer noted for a deft touch with handicappers. provides the favourite, Bishops Court. But he is 7lb higher than when failing under a penalty here last time and there are more enticing possi-bilities about Return Of Amin. who may just need further but has shaped well when poorly drawn of late.

Easterby can tee up a double with Sandmoor Chambray (3.10) in the Cadogan Silver Salver Handicap, a race the gelding won last year. His reappearance at Doncaster showed him to be at least as good as ever and he has not been ridden with the same enterprise since. High Premium and Dreams End, those remarkable nine-year-olds, will capitalise on any further

Break The Rules (4.15) should win the Queen Mother's Cup for women riders if Amanda Perrett can coax him into repeating his recent Chester display, when he was tailed off until grabbing the bridle. She was in the irons for his previous victory at Doncaster, and Martin Pipe saddled the then obscure Make A Stand to win this 12 months ago.

Al Azhar and The Prince bring encouraging reports to the last televised race, the Daniel Frenn Royal Yorkshire Rated Handicap (4.45), but Mark Prescott's Union Town (4.45) has arguably achieved better form, with four victories from five outines.

His Salisbury form has been questioned because of a slow pace, but the Generous would not have been suited by it. He has run only on fast ground, however, so caution is advised. The time for recklessness is next week.

Fallon favourite to be top rider at Royal Ascot

By CHRIS McGrath

KIEREN FALLON has been made 5-4 on by Coral to win the London Clubs Trophy for leading rider at Royal Ascot next week, partly as a result of diminishing opposition to Sleepytime. his mount in the Coronation Stakes on Wednesday. The 1,000 Guineas winner will face no more than six rivals. although they include the winner of the Irish equivalent. Classic Park.

Classic Park's trainer, Aidan O'Brien, may run Mingling Glances into the

Nap: LAWAHIK (4.45 York) Next best: Dreams End (3.10 York)

bargain, but she is also engaged in the Jersey Stakes on the same card. Also doubly represented is Saced bin Suroor, with Ocean Ridge and Moonlight Paradise, respectively fifth and tenth behind Sleepytime at Newmarket. The other acceptors, Khassah and Rebecca Sharp, are likewise unraced since finishing down the field in the

Fallon, the season's leading jockey, also rides the first day "banker" in Bosra Sham, like Sleepytime one of a number of strong candidates for Henry Cecil.

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The contrasting fortunes of Frankie Dettori are reflected in a quote of 7-1. Dettori is banned for the last day of the meeting, and Coral favours Olivier Peslier at 11-2 and Pat Eddery at

Peslier, the French champion who has earned such a following on his cross-Channel visits, rode his first group one winner in this country at last year's meet-ing aboard Shake The Yoke in the Coronation Stakes.

The increasingly international flavour of the meeting sees two Irishmen quoted next in the betting — Mick Kinane on 8-1 and Christy Roche at 12-1 — and there is even a price of 66-l against Gary Stevens, the brilliant American who warms up for Ascot by riding at Sandown today.

Reg Akehurst warned yesterday that Tregaron, the ante-post favourite for the Royal Hunt Cup on Wednesday, is not a certain runner. He did a bit of work this morning and I was pleased with him, but I've not been over bappy with his previous work, Akehurst said. "I'll make a decision on Monday."

YORK 3.40 Return Of Amin

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Success And Glory, 3.40 SILENT MIRACLE (nap). 4.45 The Prince.

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2.55 JOHNSTONE DOUGLAS HANDICAP

GOING GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

(2-Y-0 fillies £3,209 5f 6yd) (7 runners)

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2.40 LEGNARD SAINER E B F STAKES

82 BBASHA SYMMG 8 (M Proceed) R Hammon 9-0 . Pot Eddary 93 GARBON (Lord Hartespton) D Montey 9-0 . L Designt — 983 LAKELAND PRIDE 16 (6F) (J Whote) P Bears 9-0 . J F Egen 83 MAKED OAT (Supensel Pizz) B Smart 9-0 . J Reld — SUCCEES AND GLORY (Thromaspioned Corp) H Good 9-0 . K Falton — 2 RISS MAY 10 (J Brown) J Berry 8-9 . T E Durren (5) BETTING: 15-8 Success And Glory, 5-2 Bernstin Sintag, 7-2 Iris May, 4-1 Lakatend Prote, 28-1 olbers. 1998: SAHM: 9-0 W Carson (6-12 lav) J Donlop 4 ran FORM FOCUS

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3.10 CADOBAN SILVER SALVER HANDICAP (£10,943: 1m 205yd) (16 runners)

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BETTING: 5-1 Sandmoor Charlestry Drawns End, 6-1 Phonalic, 7-1 High Premium, 9-1 Bend On The Run, 12-1 1996; SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 5-8-13 M Birch (6-1 J-lev) T Easierby 15 can

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3.30 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap. 3-Y-O: £7,068: 1m 1f) (9)

11-4 Dationce 4-1 Our Way 5-1 Yar-Y-Liyn 6-1 (Brancon Jack 7-1 Morgon City Gambler, 8-1 Sv Tabbol. 10-1 others

(5) 1-05 RENZO 18 (8.F) Mrs A Penet 4-10-0 A Clark (2) 6-44 PSCOSSS 19 H Cord 4-9-10 Wigner (7) 230- THORN SLAW 259 (CD.F.G. C Britain 8-9-) B Doyle (6) 25-5 TANFAN BOY 14 (0) P Hame 4-9-9 M Doyle (8) 234 SEGE PERLOIS 31 (D.F.S.) C William 4-9-) D Holland (1) 0601 CMMS'S LAD 7 (B.C.D.F.G.S) B Morean 6-8-15

9-4 China's Lad, 5-1 Siege Pervious, 6-1 Psocosos, 7-1 Tudan Saland Tudan Say Alanco, Coh Sho No. 18-1 giners

4.35 LEICESTER SQUARE CONDITIONS STAKES

11-4 Venture Capatalist, 4-1 Wellingston, 5-1 Crowdorf Avenue, 11-2 Jachney Stackato, Kilcullen Lad, 13-1 Forst Embrace, 16-1 Barecon Rose, 21-1 offens

-4 Statem, 15-8 Warrangford, 3-2 Free As 4 Sird, 16-1 8-7 Statem (15-1 baladara, 32-1 Cold Lazanus

Willie Muir saddled his fifth winner in a week when Orsay held off Game Ploy by a

neck in the Devitt Insurance Services Cup at

5.05 GROSVENOR SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £3,404: 71 16yd) (6)

Sandown yesterday.

4.00 BERKELEY SQUARE HANDICAP

(£3,583: 1m 6f) (9)

BAND DN THE RUN best Bothn Frank, neck at 13-numer handcap at Haydock (1m. good to limi) with SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY (4th better oil) about 91 yill and MASTER BEVELD (5th better oil) 164 (2th -HRSH PRESBUM best Golden Thurderboll head in 19-numer handcap at Beverley (1m. 100yd. 144) 3rd of 10 to Philister in bandcap Hamilton pood) DREAMS END about 141 3rd of 20 to Romass in handcap at Xempton (1m. 3), good to COURSE SPECIALISTS

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW. 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 June Claiming STAKES

(£2.570: 1m 2f 46yd) (12 runners)

BATH

2.00 White Plains. 2.30 Islamabad. 3.05 Matthlas Mystique, 3.35 Petarga. 4.05 Scoty Tern. 4.40 Walkabout. 5.10 Ned's Bonanza.

5-4 Vihile Plant, 4-1 Warner Mag. 6-1 Brightsone, 7-1 Scottish Park, 10-1 others

5-4 Elemahad 7-2 Gyany Haft, 4-1 Missier Banners 7-1 Montre Lemon. 12-1 Porstan Fortune 16-1! Cried For You

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANGES: R Charlton, 16 extracts from 42 numers, 38.1%. H Candy 4 from 16, 25.5%, Lord rhaplingdon 5 from 27, 22.2%. M Bolton 3 from 15, 20.0%. D Stockett 7 from 35, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS M Heavy 9 waters from 49 rules, 22.5%, R Harthes, 12 from 72, 16.7% Paul Eddery 11 from 73, 15.1%, D Riggs, 5 from 27, 11.1% T Sprake 10 from 100, 12.0%

3.05 BARBARA KNIGHT'S 70TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (£3,443. 2m 1f 34yd) (8)

2.30 ESF PUMP ROOM NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0 £3.181 51 11yd) (6)

3.40 WILLIAM HILL TROPHY

Ha	ndicap:	3-Y-Q	: £35,109: 6f) (19 runners)	
401	(5)		BISHOPS COURT 51 (D.BF,G,S) (D Brotherton) Mrs J Ramaden 9-7. J Fortume	91
402	ולזון	1210-0	VAX STAR 45 (F.G) (Vis. Ltd) J Spearing 9-7	20
93	(6)		TREPLE HAY 12 (D.F.G) (Broadgate Partners) R Hammon 9-7 (7ex) . Pat Eddory	ΒÛ
494	(4)	0-5413	SHARP HAT 14 (D.F.G.S) (J Smith) R Hamoun 9-3 Dame O'Aleil	93
455	(19)	111161	TREASURE TOUCH 28 (D.F.G) (N Honeyman) D Micholis 9-1 loos Wands (5)	93
406	(10)		CADEAUX CHER 14 (O.F) (IN Browne) 8 Hills 8-13 M Hills	91
407	(15)		YORKIE GEORGE 12 (D.G.S) (M Davson) L Current 8-12 L Dettori	97
408	(14)		FOR YOUR EYES CHELY 30 (O.F.G) (R Grittin) I Easterby 8-12 JF Egan	92
400	(12)	0-1405	ZARETSKI 7 (P) (B Vook) C British R-12 R H	94
410	(2)	421-D4	RESTLESS SPIRIT B (D,S) (Sheath Motrammed) M Johnston 6-11 J Wester	98
411	[13]	13-050	DOUBLE ACTION 28 (F) (C Stevens) T Easterby 8-11 K Pation	84
412	(20)		DAYVILLE 14 (D.F.G) (T Heldcroft) J Berry 8-11 K Darley	95
413	(1)		BRUTAL FANTASY 28 (D.F.G.S) (Demond Record) J Eyrs 8-10, P Lagein	90
414	(18)		DOUBLE-J 10 69 (D Armstage) K McAubite 8-9 W J O'Constor	96
416	(11)		RRECT CHOICE 52 (L Rust) A James 8-6 J Reid	96
416	(9)		PRINCE DOME 10 (D.F) (8 Jones) M Want 6-5 (7ex)	
417	(16)		SILENT MIRACLE 30 (B.G) (M Kings) M Bell 8-2 R Modes (5)	2
618	(8)		STYLE DANCER 12 (D.F) (Mrs. C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 7-11 Martin Dayer (3)	97
419	m		RETURN OF AMEN 8 (G.S) (A Dehiew) J British 7-10	97
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ETTING: 7-3 Bishops Court, 9-2 Yorke George, 7-1 Tuple Hey, 8-1 Resiless Spirit, 10-1 Sharp Het, 12-7 Hasture Touch, Ratum Di Arner, Sibers Minacia, 18-1 others

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BISHOPS COURT has DOUBLE-J (15th belier of)
21 in 13-runnar handican at Chester (6f. noft).
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4.15 QUEEN MOTHER'S CUP (Handicap: lady amateurs: £10,845: 1m 3f 195yd) (14 runners)

Ō٦	(1)	0305-0	STORY LINE 30 (5) (Story Line Pins.) D Arbuthnol 4-11-0 D Arbuthnot	86	
02	(4)	030-25	CELESTIAL CHOR 66J (CO.BF.J.G.S) (Mrs. C Sydes) J 6yry 7-10-12 Diana James	89	
œ	(12)	02-31	DAKISH RHAPSODY 17 (F) (C Hardy) Lady Herries 4-10-7 M Condity	105	
04	(13)	231-11	BREAK THE RULES 30 (D.F.S.S) (A Lornas) 44 Plot 5-10-6 A Permit	96	
15	(11)	043050	HAZARD A GUESS 32 (C.D.F.G.S) (Consulto) D Nicholis 7-10-4 . J Alligon	97	
	(10)		RASAYEL 10 (C,D,F,G) (Penions Hautage) P Brans 7-9 10 K Chillion	97	
07	(3)		VERIDIAN 21 (D.F.S) (Mrs P Hants) P Hants 4-9-9	97	
05	(iii)		TEMPTHESS 21 (D.F.S) (P Barrett) J.A. Harris 4-9-6	92	
09	(2)		SHAFFISHAYES 23 (D.F.G) (P Dandson-Brown) Mrs M Revoloy 5-9-2 & Bosley	94	
١ō	(5)	122125	RAFFLES ROOSTER 31 (O,G) (M Lestham) A Newcombe 5-9-2 . E Ramsdan	97	
11	(14)	-00060	CHARTER 7 (C & M Pins I) W Storey 6-8-12 C Ford	85	
12	⁻ M		LEWTICUS 27 (Nrs S Worthweston) T Tate 3-8-11		
13	(8)			26	
14	(6)			98	
(II)	TTING: 6-1 Vandian, Levillous, 7-1 Break The Rules, Shelfshayes, 8-1 Danish Rhapsody, 10-1 Nosey Mebro, Kryy, 16-1 olbers				

1996: MAKE A STAND 5-9-4 L Paerco (5-2 lav) M Page 14 ran

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SHAFFISHAYES best Eagle Canyon 46 in 4-tunner hardicap at Newcastle (1m 44 93yd, good) RAFFIES ROOSER neck 2nd of 11 m The Butterneck Kid in handicap at Chester (1m 44 66yd, history) with RASAYEL, head 3rd, NOSEY NATIVE about 11 3rd of 12 to North Reef in handicap at Warweck (1m 31, good to larn) Sideciton: NOSEY NATIVE

3.35 CHARLCOMBE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES See ALPEN WOLF 7 W Mun 6-12

96 BLUE SHADOW 17 R Hammon 6-10

0 HOH JUSTICE 49 Basding 8-10 PRACTIORAIN GOLD R Hammon 6-8

0 JAKERESS John Berry 9-9

5000 MAGICAL DANCER 14 Mrs P Dufficks 8-4

42 PETARGA 15 J Toller 6-4

0 RIGGALO 27 D Hydd 6-4

OAMCE TO THE BEAT M Meade 8-1

0 MIJJA'S MAGIC 5 K hory 8-0

AMMISAPPHETE R Hodge: 7-13

Ammiss PET Hydge: 7-13

Ammiss APPLETE R Hydge: 7-13

Ammis 11-10 Peterga, 7-2 Hoh Justice, 9-2 Alpen Wolf, 6-1 Blue Shadow, 19-1 Prael Gold, 14-1 Amasspohen, Kaffees Pet, 16-1 others

4.05 BECKFORD TOWER HANDICAP

1 0000 NIGHT WINK 8 (D.F.G) G 1 Moore 5-10-0 S Winhworth 9 2 40-11 SQDTY TERM 11 (D.F.G.S) J Bradley 10 9-9 J Forete (7) 2 3 10-0 WHAT HAPPENED WAS 25 (F) M Meade 3-98 F Northor 7 4 0-03 JALB 40 A Securi 3-9-3 Paul Eddery 5 0-20 MDEPROB 12 (CD,BF,F.G.S) R Hodges 7-8-10 Amenda Sanders 51 3 Amenda Sanders 51 3 3-) Blue Impered, 4-1 Sooky Torn, 5-1 Nooprob. Silver Purse. 6-1 Vanborough Lad. 7-1 Julib. 8-) Confronter. 10-1 others

4.40 BEDMINSTER LIMITED STAKES

1 0	0141 SUDEST 15	5 (C,F) Saiding 9-1	٠	5 Whitworth
2 2	2210 ± LUDO 8 (B	F,F) A Harmon 8-13		. R Hugbes
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6 (00-0 Stahr 26	H Cands 8-11		N Adams
7	DO4 WALKABOU	JT 14 B HUIS 8-11		Paul Eddery
8 3	3413 EPONNE 3	(G) M Chanson 8-1	ià	. F Nuton
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5.10 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3.625 5f 161yd) (9) 3-1 Paradice Navy 7-2 Famil Sharp 9-2 Resign Asse 5-1 Matthew Mysteque 8-1 Colombja, Chicklestone, 10-1 Bodie s Philes, 16-1 Sastar

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4.45 DANIEL PRENN ROYAL YORKSHIRE RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £9,217: 1m 2i 85yd) (6 runners) 1114-1 UNBON TOWN 41 (D.F) (F Sakran) M Prescot 9-7 314 LAWAHIK 21 (D.G) (H al-Mathourn) D Mortey 9-6 421. THE PRINCE 14 (F) (I MacMico) (6 Wang 9-3 22-434 PREMIER BAY 7 (B.S) (Phina Cartel) P Harris 9-3 21-1, A, AZWAR 225 (F,6) (Al Manillan Pinc) (Battling 9-0 011120 JACK THE LAD 7 (D.F.9.8) (A West Pinc) J Herinatios 8-4.

BETTING: 2-1 The Prince, 3-1 Al Auber, 7-2 Littles Town, 13-2 Lauchik, 7-1 Premier Ber. 1982 SASUTU B-7 M 1985 (13-2) G Wingsy 9 nm FORM FOCUS

good). THE PRINCE heat Bombazine 11(1 in 8- ner maiden at Newmarket (1m, good in 8m), EMIER BAY 44(1 4th et 6 in Possiden in con-	Sep 96, JACK THE LAD best Kale handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, Selection: AL AZHAR	
15 CHARLES HENRY MENORIA	I MARKER STAVES	٠

(3-Y-0: £5,420: 71 202yd) (4 runners)

2 PLIESION RT (SP) (Cheminy Park Stud) M. Stouts 9-0. 0-22 PRESENT CHANGE 11 () Guisoj B Mickelann 9-0..... 03 SHARRADARD 16 (SP) (M Age Kimel) L. Currani 9-0.... 2 RADARCY 38 (J. Rowles) J Luigh 8-0.... SETTRIG: 13-8 Number, 3-1 Startedard, Redamy, 7-2 Present Chance 1998: KUALA LIPIS 9-0 T Quinn (4-1) P Cole 6 min

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ELLISTON (4) 2nd of 10 to Byzantium in presiden at Karnolon (1m, good).
PRESENT CHANCE 4) 2nd of 9 to Elevation in mastern at Ponteinsch (8), good to firm).
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☐ Shantou, last year's St Leger winner, spearheads a fivestrong British challenge for the group one Gran Premio di Milano tomorrow. Also chasing the prize are Strategic Choice (trained by Paul Cole), Luso and Needle Gun (Clive Brittain) and Taipan (John Dunlop).

PROMESUES AVEEN MONDAY: Brighton (first rece, 2.15), Musselburgh (2.00), Pontetract (Sky, 6.45), Windsor (Sky, 6.30).

TUESDAY: Royal Asoot (BSC, 2.30). Thirsk (2.15). WEDNESOAY: Hamilton Park (2.10), Nottingham (Sky, 8.50), Ripon (Sky, 7.00), Royal Ascot (BBC, 2.30), Wohverhampton (AW, 2.20), Worcester (6.40).

THURSDAY: Ripon (2.10), Royal Ascot (BBC, 2.30), Southwell (AW, 2.20). FRIDAY: Ayr (2.10), Goodwood (Sky, 6.30), Newmarket (Sky, 6.45), Redoar (2.20), Royal Ascot (BBC, 2.30). SATURDAY: Ascot (BBC, 2.00), Ayr (2.15), Lingfield Park (AW, Sky, 6.15), Redcar (2.10), Wolverhampton (AW, Sky, 7.00), Southwell (1.55)

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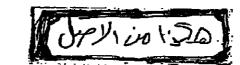


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RUGBY UNION: COACH WARNS OF GRUELLING ENCOUNTER

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN DURBAN

IFTHERE is one team against whom the British Isles should be well prepared, it is Natal, whom they play at King's Park here today. Andy Keast, the Lions technical coach. spent two years working for the Natal Rugby Union during the period in which they came to dominate the Curric Cup and he knows them as individuals and as a collec-

tive entity. Keast, who has confirmed his continuing role as director of coaching with Harlequins for next season in the wake of Dick Best's dismissal, also watched Natal open their Currie Cup defence against Western Province last weekend and returned bearing the latest word about the offensive and defensive patterns that the Lions are likely to encounter. It will be, he believes, a gruelling encounter.

"Natal have this confidence; they do not believe they can be beaten." Keast said yesterday. "Like North-ern Transvaal and Gauteng, they will try to wear us down up front before they expand the game, but they will not regard this as a pressure game — the Lions offer a different challenge to Currie Cup opponents and they will want to enjoy

This is the appeal, for South Africans, of the Lions. They differ from all the sides that they have seen before, players know that this could be their only opportunity to play against the best of the northern hemisphere. The Lions have pulled in substantial crowds wherever they

have been - 38,000 watched them years. Du Preez, never the most heat Gauteng 20-14 on a cool, damp Wednesday evening — and King's Park, even under grey skies and in a strong wind, should be no different. However, Natal will be shorn of

internationals. The South Africa squad has taken away Andre Joubert, that most elegant of full backs, Mark Andrews, Gary Teichmann and Adrian Garvey from the pack, and Henry Honiball from stand-off. Only Pieter Muller, the experi-

enced centre, has been released from the national squad. This still leaves them with six capped players, among them John Allan, the former Scotland hooker whose 127th and last appearance this will be before he joins London Scottish as player-coach.

Gavin Lawless, the leading scorer in the Super 12 tournament finelud-ing 50 in Natal's 75-43 demolition of Otago in March) plays full back and they have opted for Robert du Preez at scrum half, despite advancing

TEAMS

Wegner J Stade W Fynn (exptien), O Parese BRITISH ISLES XV: N Jenkins (Porrypred and Wales), I Evans (Lanck) and Wales), A Bateman (Richmond and Wales), B Gibbs (Swanson and Wales), A Tari (Nowcastle and Scotland) R House Townsend (Northampton and Scotland) R House (Carditi and Wales); T Smith (Walsonians and Scotland), K Wood (Hariquans and leishad), D Young (Carditi and Wales); L Dallagilo (Wasps and England), M Johnson (Locchier and England), R Holl (Seracons and England), E Miller (Locchier and Ireland)

placid of players, won the last of his seven caps four years ago.

It is an area that the Lions might look to disrupt, putting pressure on Scriba the way that Neil Back did to young Louis van Rensburg, the Gauteng stand-off. Back's form will force the best from Richard Hill and lift his game a further notch.

Many precunceptions of this Lions tour have already been destroyed, hence the presence in the front row today of Tom Smith who, if he produces another sound display, could well appear at loose-head prop against South Africa next Saturday. Today also represents a last opportunity for Allan Bateman and Scott Gibbs, the Wales centres, who began the tour as frontrunners; now it is a matter of who partners Jeremy Guscott in the internationals and that is as likely to be Will Greenwood as either of the Welshmen, who have suffered injury and suspension.

The Lions management remains unconcerned at the prospect of not giving the international XV a run together before next Saturday, helieving that the significant units within the team will have played enough together — at daily training — and will be even happier when South Africa name their team this weekend so that the Lions can prepare against specific opponents; though the only change expected from the side that beat Tonga 74-10 on Tuesday, assuming no injury problems — is at lock, where Andrews should be preferred to Hannes Strydom.



Johnson, the Lions captain, gets the support he wants as he leaps high to claim the ball at lineout training in Durban

TRIATHLON

Coope returns to heavy schedule

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

went to Lanzarote four years ago to compete in an Irunman race, she felt fired and under the weather and did not start. Back home, she struggled through the national championships.

"We knew something was amiss because she was in good shape and that led us to find out what the problem was," Glen Cook, her partner, said, Coope, it transpired, was expecting the couple's first child and her triathlon career. which had included third place in the 1991 Hawaii fronman race, was put on

"I was so relieved that was what it was," Coope said "I thought it might be something awful, like ME." Two daughters later. Coope makes her return to serious competition tomorrow when she lines up in the PepsiMax Royal Windsor race over the Olympic distance of 1.500 metres swim. 40 kilometres ride and ten kilometres run. Cook is optimistic that, though Sian Brice is unlikely to be challenged, a place in the first three should be within Coope's range.

Coope, 32, has participated in low-key events and finished second in the Swindon duathion, but now she is ready to step up in triathlon, "This will be her first foray into

WHEN Sarah Coope, the serious competition." Cook winner of six British and six the 1980 world silver medal-European triathlon titles, winner, said, "Her training now has to be a lot different because of her commitments as a mum, but this is not a half-bearted effort."

The couple, from Eastbourng, both former professionals, run a fitness and nutrition business and incorporate their training into work and sharing family duties. Between 6.30 and 9am, we will each my to get one training session in while the other one looks after the children," Cook said. "Then we both fit in another session during the day."

Cook has charge of the children tomorrow, but will be willing Coope on. "She has not lost any of her professional edge," he said. The biggest thing for me is that she comes away and says: I enjoyed that.' If she says she enjoyed it. that means she is going to do the training to move on."

Coope is the unly Briton to have achieved a top-three place in the Hawaii Ironman. though Spencer Smith may be next. Smith, twice the senior world champion, is making his Hawaii debut in October. but will race over shorter distances until August. He is based in San Diego and makes his only appearance in Great Britain this season by competing at Windsor, where he starts as favourite.

CAMBRIDGE MAYS

For the third day running, the

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LINGFIELD PARK

6.00 Le Grand Gousier, 6.30 Bon Secret, 7.00 Viva Verdi. 7.30 March Crusader. 8.00 Kristal Breeze

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6.30 RETRIEVER SELLING HANDICAP

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11	0130	ONE IN THE EYE 7 J Poulton 4-7-10 N Varies
12	0600	ONE IN THE EYE 7 3 TOWNS 4-7-10 J LOWE EXECUTIVE OFFICER 19 R Flower 4-7-10 J Lowe
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8.30 BEAGLE LIMITED STAKES

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7 3500 RXTO DEBT 39 (C.G.) J Poulton 4-9-3
8 1025 PERNYWELL 45 (D.G.) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-8 S Sanders 6 2-1 Pennyuell 9-4 Benson, 4-1 Seeel Supposit, 11-2 Reset the Force, 8-1 Invocation, 20-1 Reset

COURSE SPECIALISTS

LINGFIELD PARK. Trainers: A Stewart. 6 winners from 21 numers. 28 fbc. Mess & Kolleway. 28 fbcm 172. 36 28, 8 Hanbury 6 fbcm 38, 18 95c. Mess & Kolleway. 28 fbcm 172. 36 28, 8 Hanbury 6 fbcm 38, 18 95c. N Statem 3 fbcm 57, 14 05c. N Callaghan. 14 fbcm 101. 139 5c. N Gallaghan. 14 fbcm 101. 139 5c. N Callaghan. 14 fbcm 101. 139 5c. N Callaghan. 14 fbcm 101. 139 5c. N Callaghan. 14 fbcm 101. 139 5c. N Figure 30 fbcm 102. 15 75c. D Callaghas. 8 fbcm 53, 15.75c. N Roberts. 16 fbcm 113, 14.25c. 15.1%. M Roberts. 16 from 113, 14.2%.

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MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER 2.15 Bit Of A Dream, 2.45 Beck And Call, 3.15 Jennysten, 3.45 Linton Rocks, 4.20 Drummond Warrior, 4.55 Vintage Taittinger, 5.25 Cue Call,

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3 30-	2 GOLDEN DRUM 7 (8.5) T Geome 7-11-1 T J Murphy			
4 13	IT'S NOT MY FAULT 19P (D.G.S) R Frost 9-10-13 J Floot			
5 44	MIGHTY MERC 24 (F) Mr. B Braid 9-10-5 A Thornion			
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8 P05	- KNOCK STAR 19 R Champion 6-10-5 B Powell			
9 033	- BANNER YEAR 18 I Can 6-10-5 N WHITAMOOD			
5-2 Bir Of A Dream, 11-4 Golden Drum, 7-3 Quetail Crossatt, Barmin Year, 10-1 KS				
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2.45 CHARLES INSLEY PRE-NUPTIAL HOVICES

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	- 4	534-	HIGH SUMMER 28F I Thomson Jones 7-11-0 M A Regional
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3.15 LINCOLNSHIRE UNITED HUNTS CLUB

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10	01P-	LADY MAGNUS 124 (BF.F) J Novike 4-10-10 N & RAGANDIFFIN ROMEO 18 (F.8) S Phiendings 8-10-8 Mr O MicPies				
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3.45 TOTE BOOKMAKERS SUMMER FESTIVAL HANDICAP CHASE (£10,309: 2m 4l) (8)

3	1/41- 123-	STATELY HOME 14 (D.F.G.) P Bowen 6-12-0 N Waltame MSTEP DRIAM 19 (C.D.F.G.S) M Willerson 8-11-3 W Mars RABA RIBA 22 (D.F.G.) J. Speaning 12-11-1 V State LINTON ROCKS 13 (D.F.G.S) 1 Thomeson James 8-10-10
7	105- 311-	SUPER COON 29 (R.BF.F.S) R Lee 9-10-4 . R Johns NORDIC SUM 19 (CD.6.5) Mrs J Brown 9-10-3 . A Thornt WEAVER GEORGE 31 (D.F.6.5) W Storey 7-10-2 M Molec Mrs. Mal. 18 (D.F.6.5) T Combert 12-10-0 . R Johnson
7-2 Se	tely Ha	me, 4-7 Misser Orum, Lindon Rocks, 5-1 Weaver Goorge, 11-2 Su Pitra, 10-1 Novinc Sun, 100-1 Mids Mil;

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	3		DRUMMOND WARRIOR 31 (BF,F) T Thoroson Jones 8-11-0
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	10		DASH TO THE PHONE 14 k Morgan 5-10-8 R Sup
	4 54	y With	Afe, 7-4 Blair Castle, 11-3 Fed On Oals, 8-1 Dash To The Pho nd Wassigr, 33-1 others
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4.55 PETER RHODES NOVICES HANDICAP

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etp. 7-1 Blacies Watson. 33-1 others.

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7.2 Double Star Saint Start 1.2.1 Seyndard lung, 20-1 others
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6.45 Bubbly, 7.15 Magic Rainbow, 7.45 Eva L 8.15 Montano, 8.45 Blue River, 9.15 Faith Alone	un B.
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5 -41	BUBBLY 40 (D,BF,F) J Duniop 8-0	R
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3 413	CAPILTON B (D.C) & Levels 8-3 , N.Diay 1	ı
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4		NAPULSE 17 A James 8-12 K Darley
5		MASIC RAINBOW 21 M Bell 6-12 M Featon
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7.45 LEICESTER MERCURY STAKES

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1	23 1%; J Dunlep, 24 from 125, 19 2%, R Hannon, 30 from 17.9%
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1	from 83, 20.5% Dane O'Neill, 7 from 44, 15.9%, J Read, 16 from 15.7%; F Lynch, 6 from 46, 13%, T Gunn, 17 from 150, 11.
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Going:	900

4.10 (Im 3f 195yd) 1, MONTFORT (T Quant, 5-6 fav), 2, Cybertschnology (W Ryan, 11-4); 3, Sun Alert (T G McLaughlin, 11-1) ALSO RAN 7-2 lechyd-Da (4th), 4 ran, 5, 101, 201 P Cole at Whatcombe, Tote, £1.70, DF £1.70 CSF, £3.27

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4.45 (1m 3/ 195yd) 1, SANDBAGGEDAGAIN (G Parkin, Evens fav);
2, Vickl Romana (J Faming, 5-4); 3,
Spick And Span (D McKeown, 12-1).
ALSO RAN: 14 Northern Maestro (4th) 4
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Hutton Tote £2.10 DF: £1.20 CSF
£2.32

Sandown Park Going: good to firm, good in places

Going: good to time, good in places
2.15 (5f 6yd) 1. OVERTURE (Dane
O'Neil, 3-1 E-lay); 2. Clef Of Silver (M
Hills, 7-2), 3. Talke A Turn (P P Murphy,
20-11. ALSO RAN: 3-1 f-lay Eflway Prince
(4th), 4 Balanita (6th), 16 Vista Alegre, 20
Sky Mountain, Stone Of Deskiny, Zeppo
(5th), 9 ran. NR. Chieflain, Hd. 41, 151,
154, 16 R Hannon at East Everleigh
Tote 23.50; 21.50, 21.90, 22.20 OF
29.20. True: 265.40 CSF 211.79 2.50 (71 lòyd) 1, MUHTATHIR (G Hind, 7-1), 2, Craigsteel (K Fallon, 11-4), 3, Mulahen (J Stack, 25-1), ALSO RAN, 5-2

8.15 PROPERTY GUIDE MEDIAN AUCTION

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	KHATTAFF 1 Harr 9-0 .	R Hills 2
â	LAWFUL CONTRACT 26 R Hollumbead 9-0	F Lynch 10
_	MONTANG P Cole 9-0	T Balan 8
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Royal Ascot boost for Charlton

SAPPHIRE RING gave her trainer, Roger Charlton, a lift ahead of Royal Ascot with a narrow victory in the opening race at York yesterday. Charlton has high hopes for Wixim, King Alex and Cap Juluca at the showpiece meeting next week.

Meanwhile Sapphire Ring (5-2) showed that the stable is in good heart as she held the favourite, Lady In Waiting, by half a length in the University of York Novice Fillies' Stakes.

Charlton's representative, Martin Franklin, said: "She's only going to get better with racing. She hit the front but just stopped when she got there." Squire Corrie clinched a quick double - he won at Hamilton on Wednesday night - when overcoming a high draw to secure the Marketing Week Handicap.

FIXTURES

Today CRICKET

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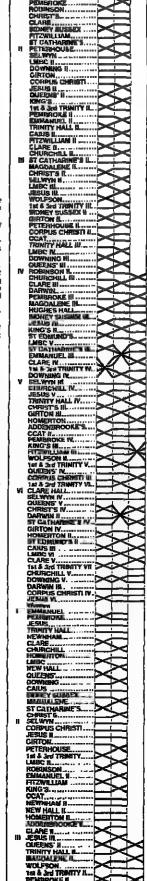
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only 1st and 3rd Trinity crew to concede any places was their second women's VIII. After seven divisions, all sandwich boats had moved.



England selectors sure to keep faith with Malcolm



Malcolm: unpredictable but worth the gamble

for the England cricket selectors to preach continuity, this surely is it. So far this summer, the psychological points have gone against Australia as regularly as the match results and the naming, tomorrow, of an unchanged England 13 for Lord's can only reinforce the

This, almost certainly, is what will occur. The selectors, indeed, are not even planning to meet before the party for the second Cornhill Test is announced, although David Graveney, the chairman, has spoken at length to Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, his colleagues, and to Michael Atherton and David Lloyd, the captain and coach.

Graveney is not by nature a tub-thumping spokesman he is happy to leave the passionate rhetoric to Lloyd --but the pride in his voice was plain as he reflected on a first

contributory factors as an impeccable standard of umpiring and an unblemished atmosphere between the teams were largely overlooked in the euphoria of victory.

"It was a fantastic four days." Graveney said, "and the constant response I have been getting ever since, from talking to players, is that the English cricketer is proud of profession right now. There were many things to admire about our performance, but the most pleasing was that everyone in the side played his part." No stronger hint is needed

that even minor surgery on the team structure would be thought counter-productive. This attitude will be a relief to Devon Malcolm, in particular, for the man chosen specifically for his speed and hostility summoned very little either until bowling a

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, sees no reason for changes in the side which

he can be.

have been very frugal in its

use. For now, though, the

team management is inclined

to blame nerves for his hum-

ble start to the match and,

quite correctly, to assume that

his later metamorphosis will

have given Steve Waugh, espe-

cially, an uncomfortable re-

minder of what a proposition

Loyalty to the theory of

Malcolm will mean further

disappointment for the queue

of competing seam bowlers.

Mike Smith ought to lead the

performed with such élan at Edgbaston

significant spell immediately after tea on the final day. Malcolm continues to be an

enigma and, at 34, there is little point in expecting anything else. If he could be guaranteed to bowl, more often than not, as he did in that one spell, he would be an automatic choice in every England team. Instead, the bulk of his Test match bowling has been innocuous, his run-up either plodding or prancing unrhythmically and his action falling away decisively in the delivery stride.

left-arm option, though some selectors still prefer the tried Quite what motivates him to and so far disappointing Alan shift into his effective mode is Mullally, while Dean Headley a mystery to me and if any of cannot expect promotion to the five-day side until he gets his captains, down the years. has found the key to him they

through a few more four-day games for Kent. Before long, the young bri-

gade may barge all such rivals aside and claim whatever vacancies may arise. Alex Tudor has already been given a taste of the England atmosphere by joining the squad before the first Test and Ashley Cowan, who is bowling so impressively for Essex, may now be granted a similar baptism.

The idea that two spin bowlers might be needed at Lord's, as has certainly been the case in the past, is unlikely to hold sway this year. The Test is to be played on a relaid pitch, last used for the 1996 Benson and Hedges Cup final. and the advice of Gatting, who is in the best position to know, is that the relaid parts of the square have been much less responsive to spin.

Philip Tufnell, however, is still bowling well for Middlesex, especially when he main-tains an attacking line around the wicket, and England are sure to retain him in their party of 13 in case conditions are not quite what they expect.

The same is true of Adam Hollioake, though it is hard to see what can bring him his Test debut just yet barring an injury to one of the established middle-order batsmen. Mark Ealham was preferred only narrowly at Edghaston, but finished the game with a halfcentury and three timely wickets. If his bowling, at the start of each spell, was riven with nerves, it is hardly surprising. but the more he plays, the more Ealham will overcome any self-doubts about his abili-

ty at this level. Likely squad: Atherton, Butcher, Stewart, Hussain. Thorpe, Crawley, Ealham, A Hollioake, Croft, Gough, Caddick, Malcolm, Tufnell,



Tufnell: unlikely to be suited by Lord's pitch

CRICKET

Improving Irani gives upper hand to Essex

By Michael Henderson

HOVE (second day of four): Sussex, with five second-innings in hand, are 24 runs

STUNG by their feeble efforts on the first day, and possibly by the realisation that they may soon become a laughingstock, Sussex batted with considerably more resolution vesterday until they were undone in the last hour.

Rajesh Rao. 22, who was once on the MCC groundstaff and is appearing in only his third championship match, was playing extremely well until. If runs short of his maiden hundred, he edged a catch to Graham Gooch at second slip. Next ball the nightwatchman, James Kirtey, was taken at third slip by Nasser Hussain after Gooch knocked the ball up. It meant that Kirtley, out first ball

Sussex will lose some time today but they have regained pride, which must be the limit of their ambition until the tide turns, as tides do. They are not going to win many matches this year, that is for sure, but they can make a start by making opponents work hard for wins of their own.

Rao and Neil Lenham made the county's first century opening stand of the summer before the latter failed to beat Hussain's throw. They also lost Neil Taylor, caught on the pull, and Bill Athey, who was disappointed to be adjudged leg-before in the next over as he tried to sweep Paul Grayson's left-arm spin.

Picking up in the morning on 232 for five. Essex had pushed on to 384, and a lead of 244. by lunch. Ronnie Irani completed the seventh hundred of his first-class career and Robert Rollins, who was unforgiving on anything that caught his roving eye, made a very good 82. There were also four slip catches for Athey. who had dropped Grayson the previous evening, all taken with some assurance.

With the arrival of the brothers Hollioake, Irani has suddenly become the forgotten man of English cricket, which does him less justice than he deserves. As he showed later in the day, when he gave Lenham all sorts of trouble outside his off stump, his bowling has improved since the winter. His batting, forceful and uncomplicated, has always made him a player worth watching and he was close to his best here.

His hundred came from 131 balls, and included 18 boundaries, and he appeared set to pass his previous best score, 123 against Hampshire earlier this season, when he edged to Amer Khan at slip, His stand with Rollins realised 65 runs and the wicketkeeper maintained a healthy rate of scoring after Irani's departure.

Khan, the leg-spin bowler, saw his third ball cross the ropes at long-off, as Rollins decided that two balls was a sufficient sighter. Robinson. recalled to nip out the tail, was driven straight for six more and, two balls later, pulled through the windows of the committee-room, where members of the club's reconstituted body were assembling for drinks. Rollins made 82 from 104 balls before Khan, assisted

by Athey, was avenged. Rollins is a good enough batsman to have made a firstclass hundred, is a handy wicketkeeper and, at 23, he has time on his side. He is a determined little chap as well and carries on playing despite fracturing his left index finger last month

Rao and Lenham Jaunched the Sussex second innings comfortably. Ashley Cowan, their destroyer on the first day. found the pitch less helpful and soon gave way to Irani. who regularly moved the ball away from the bat and, quite regularly to his enormous frustration, found the edge. Lenham, in particular, lived uneasily for a time. But Essex had their way later.

No deals done in tame draw

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three): Nottinghamshire drew with the Australians

THIS Tetley's Challenge Series match was never going anywhere once the first day had been lost to rain and, sure enough, it duly petered out into a tame draw yesterday. with the Australians devoting the day to batting practice. In response to Nottingham-shire's 239, they scored 398 for five on a pitch that had lost some of its earlier life.

Matthew Elliott scored 127. Steve Waugh 115 and Michael Bevan an unbeaten 75.

There was never any question of deals being done to make the game into a "con-test". It is not the Australian way and, in any case, a runchase was the last thing that the touring team needed; they have played enough one-day cricket in the past couple of months. In fact, a heavy shower at 5.10pm hastened the end.

The Australians moved on to Leicester last night for their final encounter before the second Test match at Lord's and the team that they plan to field there offers clues as to how they are thinking. Bevan, Slater and Ponting, who may be competing for the last batting place, all play, as do Reiffel and Julian, one of whom must act as third seamer in the Test. Blewett is again rested, giving his sore

knee more chance to mend. If Lord's offers anything to the spinners, Bevan, as Australia's second spinner, must surely play. The runs that he made here will have belned his cause, although they were made when the game had lost all meaning and Johnson, the Nottinghamshire captain. had placed the bowling mainly in the hands of Dowman. Astle and Afzaal.

Bevan faced 92 balls and struck five fours and one spectacular six. an on-drive against Afzaal that landed on the roof of the old press box. Perhaps more to the point, neither Slater nor Ponting made runs.

Ponting, playing his first innings for four weeks, was out in the first over of the day, much to his chagrin. He looked unhappy about umpire Meyer's leg-before ver-dict: presumably, he believed that he had hit the ball and, after one further ball, the players came off for rain.

Both Waughs needed runs. Mark, who faced the more demanding bowling, was subdued, taking 20 overs to score



Elliott, of Australia, plays a pull shot on his way to a century yesterday

29 before essaying a lavish drive at Dowman and edging into the hands of first slip. Steve made no such mistake. briskly working the ball around for his first century in ten tour innings from 121 balls. He shared stands of 117 with Elliott and 132 with

Bevan. Bevan came in after Elliott had more or less given his

wicket away to Afzaal and played by far the most impressive innings of the day. His driving and hooking were safe and authoritative, and his defence sound. His second hundred of the tour was brought up with a glorious pulled six off Pick: there cannot be many better hookers in the game today.

Make hay though the Aus-

Moles defies Derbyshire

By PAT GIBSON

tralians did yesterday, the unreal air surrounding their tour has not lifted. One reason is that they have not won since beating Northamptonshire a month ago: the other that they were again plagued by a small group of "patriots" de-termined to confirm that the dumbing-down of English cricket audiences continues

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series Nottinghamshire v

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three) Notinghamshire draw with the Australians NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 239 (N J Astre 99; G D McGrath 4 for 63)

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

B P Jurian, P R Reflet, M S Kasprowcz and G D McGrath did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-55, 3-133, 4-250, 5-382.

county championship Glamorgan v Middlesex

CARD#F (second day of bur) Middleser, with the first-hrangs wickets in hand, are 34 runs behind Glamorgan MIDDLESEX: First Innings

Total (5 wids, 70.1 overs)

FALL OF VACKETS: 1-5, 2-166, 3-172, 4-237 5-243

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BOWLING: Frager 24-4-68-4, Hewet 23-3-88-3, Natus 2-2-0-0; Johnson 20-6-86-2, Tumel 14-4-31-1; Dutch 9-2-13-0 Bonus pokris, Glamorgan 4 Middleser 5

Gloucestershire v

BRISTOL (second day of lour) Warposte rend, are 57 runs ehead of Glou WORCESTERSHIRE: First Irrangs

Total (95.5 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-1 2-5 3-19 4-60, 5-65, 6-65, 7-119, 8-243, 9-244 BDWLING Smith 20-1-46-2: Lewis 22-5-68-2. Young 18-4-55-1. Alterno 20-5-7-41-5 Ball 15-5-32-0

Second Inning:

Young 5-1 18-0. Alleyine 4-4-0.0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First linengs
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B J Philipps not out
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15 A Marsh of Haynes b Chapple
J B D Thompson of Athenton b Trichard
M J McCague b Austin
Extras (b 8, lb 8, w 12, nb 12)

Total (99.3 Overs) 377
FALL OF WICNETS: 1-44, 2-78, 3-87, 4-92
5-135, 5-196, 7-283, 8-326, 9-356 BOWLING: Chappie 28-7-86-3, Stractor 20-1-110-3; Austin 24-3-7-58-3 Ridgivs 19-4-73-0; Wattkinson 4-1-21-0; Techan

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C C Lewis c Mozon b Stemp
I D K Salisbury c Lehmann b Silvere
M P Bichnet c Blakey b Harrley
J E Beryamin b White
Extras (b 8, ib 8, w 4)

Score at 120 overs: 482-7. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-92, 3-233, 4-234, 5-366, 6-404, 7-429, 8-483, 9-436

SOWLING Harbly 27-4-103-2; Stemp 46-8-148-3; Marks 12-3-62-2 YORKSHIRE: First Innenge M D Moson o Lows b Seqlan R A Kattleborough b Bioknell *D Byes o Lewis b Saqlan ... D S Cehmann not out B Parker o Burcher b Saqlan Extras (15 6, nb 20) Total (4 wkts, 72 overs) tR J Blakey, A C Moms, P J Harriey, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-37, 2-107, 3-195,

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Stewart outdoes his father

THE OVAL (second day of four): Yorkshire, with six firstinnings wickets in hand, are 323 runs behind Surrey TO AVOID being beaten by Surrey on a pitch taking a

marked amount of turn, one or two Yorkshiremen will have to bat with much the same self-belief as Alec Stewart has shown. In the course of making an unbeaten 271, he not only batted quite beautifully and achieved the highest score of his career, but outshone his father.

Mickey Stewart reached the same plateau 33 years ago when he took 227 off Middlesex. For his son, it has not been quite the same as having to contend with a Hutton or a Cowdrey as the head of the family, but there would have been enough difficulties to surmount when Stewart Snr

was the England manager. Alec is a more stylish batsman - indeed a finer cricketer - and his innings was the 15th highest score in Surrey's hist-

ory. That is more than May,

Barrington or Edrich

BY IVO TENNANT

achieved, although they did not play four-day cricket. Stewart faced 315 balls and hit 36 fours and three sixes. one of them majestically cut over point when White made little attempt to disguise a shorter, quicker ball. Benjamin helped him add 54 for the last wicket, a stand that was as diverting as it was productive. Yorkshire were left to make 400 to avoid following on, a target they looked to reach without embellishing their

In his first championship match. Saglain Mushtag had a lengthy bowl from both ends, occasionally interspersing his off-breaks with a quicker ball akin to a leg cutter that is delivered without any perceptible change of action. He eventually had Moxon taken at slip, but given the amount of turn he and Salisbury were able to obtain, they would not have been over pleased with their return. Byas used his considerable

The captains past and

present added 69 after

reach to good effect.

Kettleborough was bowled by Bicknell shouldering arms. Moxon was dropped by Saglain off his own bowling, a fairly straightforward chance

when on 53 that proved not to be costly. Lehmann, who became the third Yorkshire batsman to score a half-century, made greater attempts to attack the bowling. He will do well to make as many runs as Beavan, his fellow Australian, achieved last year, but he has settled in well, looks to enjoy himself on and off the pitch. and has quite a few fellow countrymen to impress in England this summer. He was still there at the close, having

scored 61. More attritional batting will be required today, for Byas. who stayed in for three hours. and Parker went in successive balls to Saglain, one caught at slip, the other at silly point. Dave Gilbert, the Surrey

coach, came up with some

defeat by Essen they will be

ominous noises after their

concerned if they do not win

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are nine runs ahead of

Derbyshire THERE are only two Englishborn batsmen with a career average of more than 40 who have never gained international recognition. One is Peter Bowler, the Somerset captain, and he was raised in Australia. The other is Andy Moles, a Brummie through and through, and yesterday he showed once more how unlucky he had been never to get

the selectorial nod. Moles is 30 and in his benefit season, so time has passed him by. There are. however, few players around who could have batted as well as he did to put Warwickshire in a position of

strength on a pitch that is

expected to give increasing

help to seam, with the ball

Nick Knight is not one of

them at the moment. He has

just lost his England place and

he is not going to get it back in

keeping low, and spin.

a hurry if he keeps playing the kind of shot he aimed at a wide, short hall from Devon Malcolm to be caught behind in the fifth over of the day. Such early success prompted Phillip de Freitas, Derby-

shire's new captain, to call his players around him for a finger-wagging pep talk, obviously designed to tell them exactly what was required in the conditions. Malcolm responded immediately with a couple of searing deliveries that David Hemp did well to survive, but it all began to go downhill after that. Moles was the main reason. He could not have been more watchful in defence or positive in attack. cutting and square driving Harris, pulling Malcolm, and driving de Freitas through mid-on and extra cover on his way to 50 out of 92 off only 93

Hemp was the ideal foil. An England A haisman two winters ago, he lost his way with Glamorgan after a sickening collision in the outlield left him with four broken ribs and a punctured lung. Now fully

recovered, and with his confidence restored by three centuries for his new county, he was back to his elegant best as he swept Clarke for six and dispatched Malcolm emphatically to the cover boundary. With his scamers and spinners unable to make an im-

pression, de Freitas was left to

do the job himself. He broke

the second-wicket stand of 124

when he had Hemp caught

behind, cutting, for 60 and then got Moles the same way, for \$3, when he nibbled outside the off-stump. On each occasion Krikken did his work well standing up to the scaming, swinging ball but although de Freitas continued to keep him on his toes in an unbroken 14-over spell that brought him two for 35, Ostler and Penney had seen Warwickshire into the lead by the

time the third stoppage for

rain and bud light brought an

early close. ☐ England's triumph in the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston has helped Nottinghamshire to sell their remaining tickets for the fifth Test.

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Resilience of Phillips puts Kent in control

By RICHARD HOBSON

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of fourt: Lancashire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 200 runs behind

AS GLOUCESTERSHIRE, the leaders, began to encounter difficulties against Worcestershire, the likelihood grew yesterday that Kent will emerge from the present round of matches at the head of the county championship table. On the evidence of this game, they might take some

Much has been written over the past three weeks of the spirit within the England squad. Kent. too, appear a purposeful outlit and are brimming with confidence after a successful start to the season that has seen them lose

only twice in all competitions. How easy it was to compare and contrast them with Lancashire even before the start of play yesterday. In one quarter of the ground, the home side went through the regular fielding drill - catch and throw, catch and throw. Another day at the office. Meanwhile. Kent embarked on a game evolved from handball with stacks of tracksuit tops to represent the goalposts. It was mildly competitive, enjoyable, loosened

limbs and stimulated minds. In such a harmonious atmosphere it becomes easier for younger players to prosper, as Ben Phillips will testify. On Thursday evening, in treacherous conditions for batting. he survived as nightwatchman and yesterday, the pitch a little friendlier, he completed a maiden century, having spent 256 minutes at

the crease and hit nine fours. Earlier in the season Phillips, batting at No II, put on 183 for the tenth wicket with Steve Marsh against Sussex. in the next game, against Nottinghamshire, Mark Ealham and Paul Strang added 171 for the ninth. Here. Kent recovered from 135 for five to 373 and Lancashire still require III to avoid the follow-on

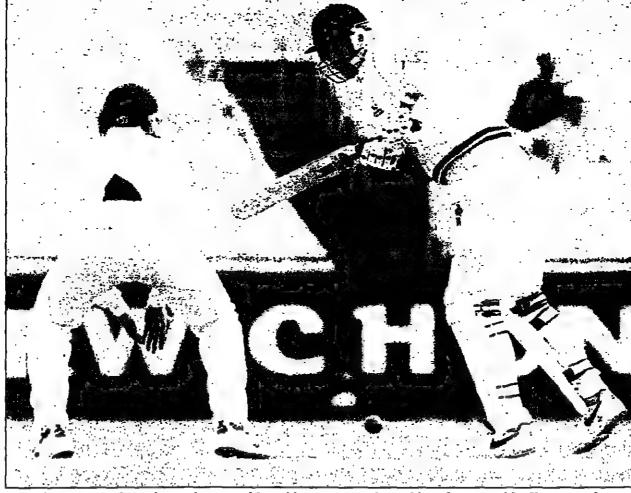
Phillips almost fell twice before lunch. When 14, he was grateful to Watkinson's shoulder problem us he narrowly beat the pained throw from the Lancashire captain after being sent back by Wells. Ten runs later, the umpires conferred before deciding that a drive against Chapple had not carried to Shadford at mid-on.

Wells was superbly caught by Fairbrother at slip and Strang appeared in little trouble, taking four fours from a before he was leg-before to the second ball after lunch. Marsh stayed II overs and then slashed at a wide delivery from Chapple and when Thompson drove to gully, where Atherton accepted a low chance, Phillips was down to his last parmer.

McCague managed to keep him company for long enough. Phillips raised his bat a proud man after tucking Austin to square leg for a single. Next ball, McCague was bowled.

Lancashire needed Atherton to show the stubborn determination that has characterised his England career and, today, saw him appointed OBE. Instead, his innings had yielded just five runs when he nibbled at McCague, bowling especially briskly, and was caught

Thereafter, much of the damage was done by Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe legspin bowler. He beat Titchard in the flight, tempted John Crawley to edge an attempted cut to Marsh and beat Watkinson with a googly. Phillips induced an awful stroke from Fairbrother to compound the Lancashire



Phillips turns a shot to leg on the way to his maiden century and a position of command for Kent yesterday

Last-wicket pair pull leaders round

BRISTOL (second day of four): Worcestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 57 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

WHEN Gloucestershire, the championship leaders, found themselves in deepening mire yesterday, Martyn Ball and Jon Lewis, the last pair, put on their gumboots and jumped in to drag them out. From 162 for nine. still 88 behind, they prodded, poked, pulled and pounded their team back into contention.

overs, invaluable in what looks likely to be a match of mediocre scores. Steven Rhodes. Worcestershire's acting captain, took five catches in the innings but proved fallible when he dropped Ball, who went on to make an unbeaten 40, off Stuart Lampitt when he had made 21. Had the catch stuck,

Worcestershire's advantage would have been 57, instead of 21, which they increased in the 20 overs before the close, Tim

dently and briskly for three boundaries in four overs.

The reluctance of either captain to post a third man has meant that any ball pitched up and a little wide has been happily deflected in that direction. By tea, Ball and Lewis had gained so much in confidence that they were all but disdaining such gifts, Ball pulling with great verve and Lewis employing a scooping lofted shot that infuriated Worcestershire by continually dropping into space.

They added 67 runs in 15. Ambrose strikes early

CURTLY AMBROSE captured all three Sri Lanka wickets that fell before lunch on the opening day of the first Test at St John's, Antigua, yesterday. The West Indies fast bowler, who needs only five more wickets to reach 300 in Tests, did the damage in a burst of eight balls.

He sent back Mahanama and Arnold with successive deliveries before having Aravinda de Silva caught by

Sheriyar, the left-arm bowler who arrived at New Road from Leicester, has had the benefit of winter coaching

ered to 72 for three. Jayasuriya's partnership with his captain, Arjuna Rantunga, was then worth 49. Both batsmen showed great courage in the face of some aggressive bowling and took several blows to the body.

Worcestershire, 243 for

eight overnight, added only another seven runs for their

last two wickets, Mark

Alleyene finishing with the flattering figures of five for 41.

Gloucestershire then had to

face 27 overs before lunch and

there were early indications

that the pitch, though drier

and a little quicker than the

first day, was showing a few

signs of wear. Almagir

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Jayasuriya stood firm, how-

ever, and completed his half-

century, which included two

sixes, just before the interval

when Sri Lanka had recov-

from Phil Newport. He has retained his pace, has added a few variations and, if he improves his control, could develop into an impressive strike bowler.

Yet it was Worcestershire's second-line attack that broke through. Nick Trainor waving outside his off stump at Lampitt's second ball and Tony Wright misreading the length to give Gavin Haynes a return catch. What should have been an afternoon saunter turned into a broken trail.

Monte Lynch drove and pulled four fours in two overs before, six overs into the afternoon, he tried another pull and played on. Shaun Young was surprised by a ball of full length that scurried, at which point Rhodes twisted and dived to take three more

With the score at 137, Rob Cunliffe departed the ball after Jack Russell, Tim Hancock and Mike Smith had only peripheral parts, which brought Lewis, fresh from a career-best 25 against Yorkshire, and Bail on to centre

Hayden's patience shows the way for **Somerset**

By JACK BAILEY

BASINGSTOKE (second day of four): Hampshire are 234 runs ahead of Somerset

FOR the batsman, it was a geton-the-front-foot-and-keepthe-bat-vertical sort of day. The pitch had lost pace, the ball was inclined to keep low and these factors were ignored at a batsman's peril. Matthew Hayden and, eventually, Jason Laney worked this out during a stand of 73 which gave Hampshire's second innings a handsome start and so, it appeared, had Robin Smith until Mushtaq, bowling on a pitch which did him no favours, had Smith leg-before, playing no stroke. So the saga of Smith's susceptibility to leg

spin continues. Meanwhile, thanks to some fine bowling by Rose, this match remains in the balance although the odds are now tilted towards Somerset. They will have to get the highest score of the match to win, but that may not be beyond them. Hayden's patient 63, which nevertheless included a six and eleven fours has shown

A Somerset win would be despite the 45-run lead gar-nered by Hampshire when they took the last four Somerset wickets for 80 yesterday morning. Somerset could live to regret not opening with Caddick and Rose on Thursday morning when conditions were ripe for them and before Hampshire had made 53 from the first nine overs. They may also rue giving away 47 extras during Hampshire's first in-

If they do get away with it, however, Somerset will owe much to the persistence of Piran Holloway and the under-rated batting talents of Caddick. Holloway had stood firm with his well-organised left hander's technique while Somerset were tumbling to their overnight 79 for six, of which he had made 43. Yesterday he remained undefeated after nearly 3½ hours of stubborn defence interspersed

with 12 fours. Conditions suited Caddick's emphasis on forward play and the clean, straight follow through.

Atherton caught off guard by award

Ву Јон у Соорвору

MICHAEL Atherton. who captained England to their triumph in the first Test against Australia, joined his distinguished forerunner. Sir Colin Cowdrey, in the list of sportsmen and women recognised in the Birthday Honours List

Atherton, who next Thursday will break Peter May's record by captaining England for the 42nd time in a Test match, was mystified yesterday as to why he was appointed OBE.

He said: "I suppose it is for efforts put forward over a period of time with England, but there are plenty of others putting in the same effort, who are other deserving cricke-

Speaking during the lunch interval of Lancashire's match against Kent at Old Trafford, he said: "I had a letter shortly before the Texaco Trophy series. but I had forgonen about it until I saw photograp-hers gathering round the pavilion. Then the significance of the date clicked."

David Shepherd, a firstclass umpire since 1981. who will be standing in the second Test at Lord's, has been appointed MBE. No present footballers have been honoured, although Walter Smith. the Rangers manager, is appointed

Among those from other sports to figure in the list are Chay Blyth, the yachtsman, and Peter O'Sullevan. the horse racing commentator, both of whom were knighted.

Eileen Gray, a leading figure in cycling administration, is appointed CBE. while Dr Sarah Springman, the former European triathlon champion, Cambridge academic and Sports Council member, is appointed OBE.

John Reid, the flat jock-ey, who rode a century of winners in 1993, 1995 and 1996, is appointed MBE, as is Wilf O'Reuly, the short-track skating cham-

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Kallis puts on vintage exhibition

By John Thicknesse

CARDIFF (second day of four): Middlesex, with five are 34 runs behind Glamor-

within four runs of his second hundred in three innings for Middlesex yesrerday, and it was by no means only for the fact that they are both South Africans that the memories he conjured up were those of Barry Richards, Kallis is an inch or so shorter than Hampshire's great batsman of the 1970s and more burly, but in stance, poise, timing, range of stroke, not to say slight air of boredom, they have so much in common that it seems certain that the 21-year-old is on the threshold of a prolific Test career.

In spite of spending all but three balls of the morning under covers, the pitch had lost all of its inconsistent firstday bounce. Wagar Younis could, nevertheless, have been a daunting proposition run-ning in with the wind behind him. Watching Kallis handle him, however, you never would have known it.

Stung by seeing Kallis nonchalantly clip one of his prize yorkers through midwicket. Wagar followed with two balls that might have got any batsman out in the first 20 minutes of an innings. The first nearly did, Kallis surviving a close leg-before decision. Then Wagar dug in an offstump lifter. Kallis killed it four yards short of gully.

Ramprakash was also brilliant against Waqar in his first spell, hooking him so violently that the Pakistan bowler switched his bat-pad man to deep backward-square. For once, though, Ramprakash, suffering from flu, found himself second best for elegance during a second-wicket stand

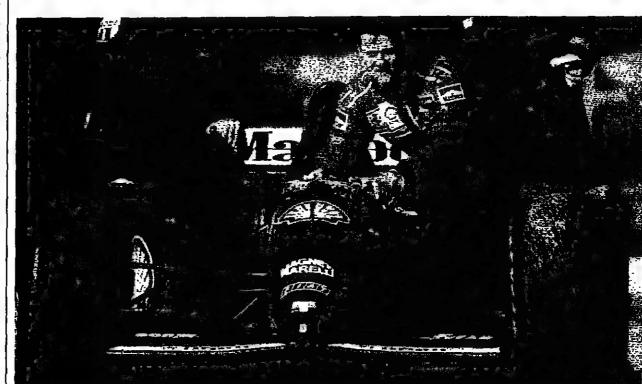
Kallis did not put a foot wrong until, on 91, he padded up to Croft and was granted the benefit of doubt. In the next over, he dabbed at Watkin and was caught by Maynard low at second slip. It was a travesty that he failed to make a hundred.

first-innings wickets in hand,

JACOUES KALLIS came

of 160 in 42 overs.

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TENNIS: SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR SAMPRAS IMPROVES PROSPECTS OF BRITISH TRIUMPH AT QUEEN'S

Rusedski conjures magical victory

A TRANSFORMATION as sudden as it was unexpected yesterday swept Greg Rusedski past Patrick Rafter to become the first British semi-finalist in 19 years of these Stella Artois championships. He will today play Goran Ivanisevic. of Croatia. for a place in the final.

Later in the day, Rusedski's prospects of winning the tournament advanced significantly when Pete Sampras was surprisingly beaten by Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden. Sampras looked a shadow of the most feared grass-court player as Bjorkman, the No S seed, rallied from a lacklustre start to prevail 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. This defeat for the world No I raises questions about his ability to recapture the Wimbledon crown he lost to Richard Krajicek 12 months ago.

Sampras has made premature exits here before but rarely has he looked so vulnerable. In 13 matches since

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landing his first three tournaments of the year - in Melbourne, San Jose and Philadelphia - Sampras has lost seven matches and won

Bjorkman took time to adjust to the speed of the bounce on his centre court debut at Queen's Club. Once accustomed, however, he returned the Sampras service with gusto to unsettle one of the game's finest exponents. True, he wavered when 42 ahead in the concluding set, allowing Sampras to level the match. But an immediate riposte, facilitated by poor serving from Sampras, saw Bjorkman extend the sequence of upsets initiated at the recent French

All players are keen to see the back of Sampras, and Rusedski is no exception. Yet the latter's prospects of overcoming Rafter, the third successive Australian he has dispatched, looked slim for half the match. Rafter maintained a firm stranglehold but Rusedski slipped his leash with joyful abandon just as he looked set to succumb. Where he once mis-hit service returns, he now struck outright winners to shred Rafter's carefully-scripted game-plan.

Welsh axis of Maitena Alsu-

McKay, who demonstrated

an alarming tendency to fritter

away large leads before recov-

against Karen Stupples and

Eleanor Pilgrim, plays

Alsuguren, 25, a Basque who

lives in Strasbourg. The Frenchwoman, very calm and

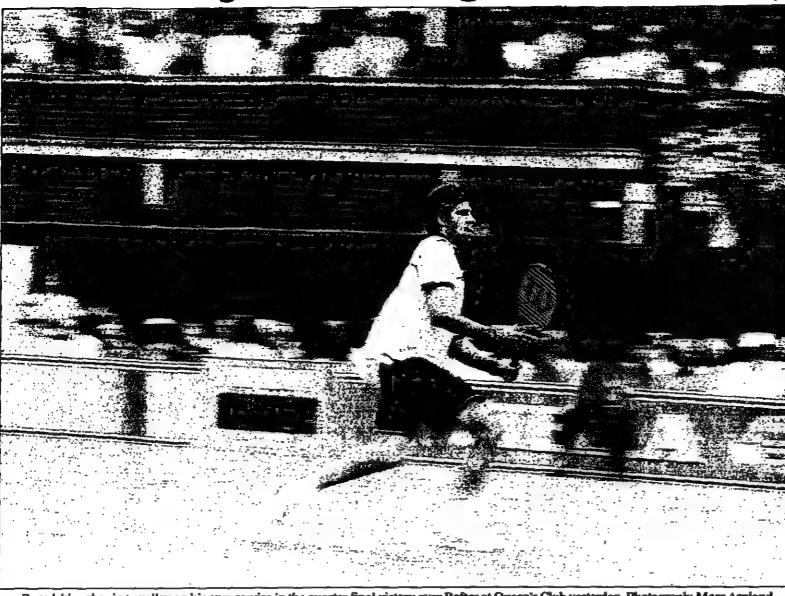
composed, disposed of Janice

Moodie, the leading qualifier,

at the 18th on a cloudy but

mercifully dry morning and,

guren and Becky Morgan.



Rusedski rushes in to volley on his own service in the quarter-final victory over Rafter at Queen's Club yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Initially, Rusedski got little change from standing up to his opponent's service. Only sporadically did the No lo seed trouble Rafter; even then he failed to string together a meaningful sequence. I made a change to stand further back and my returns got better." Rusedskí said. "As my returns got better, I served better. I was thrilled with the second

part of the match." In truth, Rusedski, tamely broken in game seven, could hardly have regressed from the lethargy that cost him the opening set 6-4. Rafter ruthlessly attacked Rusedski's second service and a break to lead 4-3 in the second set seemed to signal Rusedski's passing.

it was then that Rusedski caught fire, immediately redeeming the break with one of his own. At 6-5, he conjured yet another, completed by a ervice return that epitomised his metamorpho- to open up a 5-2 lead, gaining

Rusedski squared the contest in the course of reeling off five successive games. The best of them came via another break, this time in game two of succession of searing returns left Rafter swiping at air.

YAYUK BASUKI, of Indone-

sia, reached the semi-finals of

the DFS Classic women's

tournament at Edghaston ves-

terday. Basuki, the No 4 seed,

beat Magdalena Maleeva, of

Bulgaria, seeded seventh, 7-6

6-2 in 76 minutes and the

victory could have been

Basuki broke her oppo-

nent's service twice to go 3-0

up in the first set, only to

allow Maleeva to pull back to

6-6; but she stepped up her

two match points with the

me again in the second set

A backhand winner down the line engineered break point and Rusedski converted it with an identical rebuke of Rafter's service, this time down the forehand wing. Thoroughly dispirited, and tired from his recent exertions

help of two Maleeva double

drop shot, but Basuki hit a

winner on her next opportuni-

ty to make sure of her place in

"I was very pleased to win against Magdalena," Basuki

said. In the first set I was

struggling but I got better in

United States, will make her

first appearance in Britain

witen sine plays her first

Venus Williams, 16, of the

Maleeva saved one with a

faults in the eighth game.

the last four.

the second."

ened to recover, Rusedski racing away to a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 verdict. "It's nice to be the first

in Paris, Rafter never threat-

British player to make the semi-finals here," Rusedski

said. "I played some of my best Basuki pulls the strings in victory

> fused a wild card into the Direct Line Insurance championships to get more grasscourt practice, will play Wiltrud Probst, 28, from Germany, in the first qualifying round and will have to win two more matches, to-

morrow and on Monday, to gain a place in the main draw. Certainly she does not lack confidence. She expects to win her three qualifying matches and, if she does, she will go into the competition proper match on grass at Eastbourne rivals, who will start the today. Williams, having retennis of the year in the middle part of the match but there is always room for improvement. I am handling the situation of being out on the court better these days. That is the key to winning these close matches.

Whatever the outcome to Rusedski's march on this title. his world ranking, presently 44, will next week rise to a few spots below his career-best of 33. Unlike Henman, who went out in the third round here on Thursday, Rusedski's confidence is returning at just the right time.

Yet it could all have been so different. He was fortunate to overhaul Mark Woodforde, of Australia, when rain intervened in their first-round match and he staved off a match point in the second round against Kevin Ullyett. of South Africa. If the fates nave been kind to num, he has at least, taken maximum

Davies makes waves with dashing victory

TERESA DAVIES and Bev Robertson put a stop to the domination of the Great Britain team members at the Scottish swimming championships in Glasgow yesterday when they won the 200 metres butterfly and 50 metres breaststroke respectively. Davies, from Coventry, was too strong for her rivals over the closing stages of her race. Natalie Turner, of Stockport, tried in vain to close the gap and came within 0.77sec of Davies's time of 2min 19.3lsec.

Robertson, from Aberdeen, dominated her rivals to complete a breaststroke double. Her winning time of 33.53sec was more than one second faster than the rest of the field. James Hickman, the world short-course champion, from Stockport, produced an impressive time of lmin 59.59sec to win the 200 metres butterfly by some seven seconds from Edward Clement, his Britain team-mate. The Britain team took all the medals in the men's and women's 400 metres freestyle.

France stand firm

RUGBY UNION: France repulsed a determined Austra-lian Capital Territory President's XV for a 31-22 win in a rain-marred tour match in Canberra yesterday. Jean-Luc Sadourny, the full back, scored two tries for France, who secured a second victory at the beginning of their tour.

Jonah Lomu, the New Zealand wing, could be playing again within three months after treatment for a kidney case. John Mayhew, the team doctor, said that he could play most of the national championship season for Counties-

Thomson ousts Allcock

BOWLS: The new Churchill Insurance English Bowls Players Association singles ranking list reveals that Tony Allcock, the world outdoor singles champion, has been pushed into second place by Andy Thomson. Although Allcock won the world indoor pairs and national indoor triples titles, no ranking points are awarded for team events. He did less well at singles. Thomson, by contrast, reached the final of the world indoor singles.

Townsend shares lead

GOLF: Peter Townsend, the former Walker Cup and Ryder Cup player, scored a 68, four under par, to share the lead after the first round of the De Vere Hotels Seniors Classic at Belton Woods, near Grantham, yesterday. It was the best start of Townsend's fledgeling career on the burgeoning European Seniors Tour and he collected six birdies and two bogeys to lead the field alongside T R Jones, the former US Navy champion, from Washington.

Mitchell not fast enough

ATHLETICS: Dennis Mitchell, the dual world championship 100 metres bronze medal-winner, and John Godina, the world shot champion, failed to produce their best at the United States world championship trials in Indianapolis and both are out of the team for Athens in August. Mitchell. 31, the only man to represent the United States in three Olympic Games at 100 metres, bowed out in the semi-finals, where he could finish only sixth.

Record fine for Rodman

BASKETBALL: Dennis Rodman, of Chicago Buils, added to his standing as the game's most controversial player when he was fined a record \$50,000 (about £31,000) for an obscene insult of the Mormon community in Utah during the National Basketball Association (NBA) finals this week. victory away from winning the championship series against

Scots make double assault on amateur championship

By Patricia Davies

THE SCOTS have high hopes on a chillier afternoon, was that Mhairi McKay and Alione under par when she son Rose will meet in the final defeated Silvia Cavalleri, the of the British women's ania-European champion, again on teur championship at Cruden Bay, near Peterhead, today in Rose flirted with defeat what would be the first allwhen she drove out of bounds

Scottish final since 1981 - a at the last against Ana Belen piper could be heard practis-Sanchez, of Spain, but the Scot ing his skirl during the quarhad a birdie three at the 21st. ter-finals yesterday. First, however, they have to over-DETAILS come the formidable Franco-

M Alsuguren (Fri bi J Moodie 2 holes; S Cavalleri (II) bit S Wood (Aberdeen Ladies;) 4 and 3; M McKay (Tumberry) bit K Situppies (Royal Cinque Ports) 19th, E Polymn (Ceitte Manor) bit E R Power (Kilkenny) 2 and 1; B Morgan (Monmouth) bit S Sanderson (The Berkshire) 2 and 1; K M Jutul (Den) bit M Hedberg (Swel 4 and 2. M Zelsmann (Holf) bit K Burton (St George's Hill) 3 and 2; A Rose (Striling) bit A B Sanchez (Sp) 21st Sánchez (Sp) 21st

Quarter-finals

to scrape through to the quarter-finals, where she was less troubled by Marieke Zelsmann, of Holland.

Morgan, quietly impressive, has proved beyond doubt that she is a player of high quality and that her place in the final last year was no fluke. She won her matches against the tenacious Englishwoman, Sa-Margrethe Juul, of Denmark. at the 17th, keeping her concentration during some cold and seemingly interminable waiting around in the afternoon.

McKay, who has withdrawn from the Scotland side for the women's European team championship next month because of a family commitment, is admirably phlegmatic on the golf course - a quality her supporters needed in abundance. Four up

after II holes against Stupples, a Curtis Cup teammate, the Scot lost four of the next five holes, but won at the 19th when Stupples took three putts from the front edge. There was more of the same

against Pilgrim, the Welsh champion, who helped her own cause by single-putting no fewer than six times on the back nine. Wisely, McKay's mother watched Rose's match it was easier on her nerves - as her daughter squandered another four-hole lead. Four up after II again, the fair-haired Scot was back to all square by the 16th. She missed a short putt at the 12th, was behind a beach but at the 14th and was on the beach off the tee at the 15th. The hole is called Blin' Dunt because it is a blind tee shot, but it was more like blind panic for some

of the McKay clan. McKay, herself, remained calm and Pilgrim, who also won the loth spoiled her comeback with a bad drive into the rough at the 17th. McKay pitched dead for a birdie four and managed a half with par four at the last.

Nicol gets straight to the point

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CASRO

and Del Harris, the Englishman, will meet in the last eight of the Al Ahram international championships, near Cairo. after safely negotiating the

Nicol, the No 3 seed, defeated Zubair Jahan, of Pakistan, in straight games to set up the quarter-final encounter with Harris, the No8 seed, who had earlier removed John

The other men's quarterfinal decided will be between Rodney Eyles, of Australia, the No 2 seed, and Ahmed Barada, the local teenager. who resisted an encouraging comeback from Peter Marshall, the Nottingham-based former world No 2. Marshall was returning to tournament action after suffering from

chronic fatigue syndrom ment played here.

Horner defeated Rachael Grinham, of Australia, 9-0, 9-2, 9-1 in the first round of a 16-strong field to meet Sarah FitzGerald. of Australia. the top-seeded world champion. while Jackman defeated May Hegazy, of Egypt, 9-1, 9-2, 9-4 in the same half of the draw and will meet Carol Owens, of Australia.

Martin put out Linda Charman 9-2, 2-9, 10-8, 9-0 to set up a meeting in the last eight with Michelle Martin. from Australia, the No 2

The other quarter-final in the bottom half of the women's

Betts calls for curb on imports to regenerate English game ing, but not surprising, and

BY CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

ODSAL and the atmosphere generated there by Bradford Bulls is much changed from when Denis Betts played there with Wigan, apart from the rain this week. Betts and **Auckland Warriors anticipate** an atypical British reception tonight, one based on intensity, passion and self-belief elements missing from large asian domination does not trigger root-and-branch reform, starting with schools development, a drastic reduction of more than 200 overseas players in the three divisions and contraction rather than expansion of the Super League, then nothing will. Betts is one of only five

British players in the two rival competitions in Australia. "There are a lot of poor-quality overseas players in Britain," he said. "No disrespect to them, but it's a flaw in the English game that, because they are from Australia and New Zealand, they will somehow improve the game. In the Super League over there, Perth side.

might see a drop in standards for a couple of years, but what it might do is give the chance to some kids to step in and

when the separate southern hemisphere competitions combine next year, as seems inevitable, British clubs will be queueing for those players

as it would only feed the same mentality," he said. "Maybe improve their game. we've got to move two steps Betts's justified fear is that, back to move four or five forward, but, instead of wanting success now, clubs have got to look at the big picture.

The way it's going, there will be no English players left. That's no good for us interna-We're struggling enough as it is. We're the third strongest team, after New Zealand whitewashed us 3-0 last year.

"I wouldn't let them come,

We've got to start building up from somewhere and that means improvements in schools and the people coming into the game."

From leaving Wigan to join Auckland two years ago, because winning had got too easy. Betts has almost come full circle. Next season he rejoins Wigan, who no longer enjoy a monopoly domestically, but, significantly, were the only side in the first round to beat Australian opposition. Wigan's problem, according to Betts, is repeating the trick in Brisbane next Monday.

He said: "At Canterbury, Wigan played with an intensity not associated with the English game. They ran for everything, they scrambled. Defensively, they were everywhere, and they were a lot hungrier than Canterbury. who, when they couldn't breach their defence, began to

The biggest test for all the English sides this weekend is lifting themselves a second time. When Wigan beat Penrith and Brisbane in the world club challenge matches. they had to play one big game and then go back to the mediocre level they were used to. This time, they've got to play three games at the same evel every week.

"That's why the test team never really carries through a series, because the players can be lifted for one game, but the intensity can't be sustained."

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PETER NICOL, of Scotland, second round.

White, of Australia, by completing a 15-13, 15-5, 15-5 victory.

Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire. Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, and Jane Martin, of Northumberland, are through to the quarter-finals of the first women's tourna-

draw is between Liz Irving. of Australia, who yesterday put out Rebecca Macree, the Essex player, and Sabine Schone, of Germany.

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helieves that, if the Austral-

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parts of the domestic game.

Although Bradford narrowly lost their opening pool A world club championship match to Penrith. Betts detected no inferiority complex - another bane of the British game in the Betts book. "They came out doing the things they wanted to do," he said. "They weren't worried by Penrith. That's not a normal attitude in England, which can only change if standards improve throughout the competition." He has found the early

there's me and Barrie-Jon Mather, who can't get into the the quota six overseas players per club. They should have to be current internationals if

We've got to cut down on

Leeds fade away in mismatch remain on competitive terms and trailed 5-1 at the break.

but defensive fatigue and the

superior fitness of the Austra-

Unlike the North Queens-

land match, when they

slumped from the start and

were beaten 42-20, Leeds took

the lead after two minutes.

McDermott broke clear on

halfway and was supported

by Sheridan, who easily

rounded Maybon. Harris

struck the post with a straight-

forward conversion attempt,

and a quick try in response by

Quinn, converted by William-

Adelaide's only other score

of the half was a second goal

by Williamson. as Leeds ably

resisted the onslaught. How-

ever, early in the second half.

as the penalties against Leeds

for holding down in the tackle

mounted and Gibson was

sent to the sin-bin, the dam

son, put Adelaide ahead.

lians overwhelmed them.

Adelaide Rams.. Leeds Rhinos8

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A SECOND world dub championship pool B defeat for Leeds was already assured at the Adelaide Oval yesterday by the time that Terry Newton, a second-half forward substitute, was sent off in the 63rd minute for a dangerous challenge on David Boughton, the Adelaide second-row forward.

Newton's dismissal for a spear tackle is unlikely to be viewed sympathetically by the Australasian Super League disciplinary judiciary, which will sit before the Leeds party travels home tomorrow. Reduced to 12 players, Leeds's plight worsened as the Rams added three more tries in yet

Leeds had fought hard to

ton was dismissed for his rash challenge. Quinn quickly col-lected his second try and Mayhon another. Cummins and Gibson combined to dispatch Rivett, which brought a brief respite, but Stone had the final word with his second

Williamson jinked through

the depleted cover for a try

which he also converted.

When Rivett was tackled into

touch after some sloppy pass-

No sooner had Gibson re-

turned to the field than New-

ing, Walters sent Stone over.

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Brundle

aims to

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FROM KEVIN EASON IN LE MANS

MURRAY WALKER will have to manage without Martin Brundle, his eru-

dite sidekick, in the com-

mentary box at the Canadian Grand Prix to-

morrow. Brundle, the driver who exchanged his Formula One car for the microphone as ITV's

grand prix pundit, will be

back behind the wheel for

the Le Mans 24-hour race.

into his seat for the grand

prix, Brundle will be close

to the end of one of the

most exhausting events in

motor racing, driving through the night, snack-

ing on pasta and gallons of

water and sneaking a

couple of hours' restless

The exhaustion will fade

quickly, though, if

Brundle can repeat his

success of 1990, when he

won here with Jaguar, and

he has the car and the

back-up for a famous vic-

tory over the fancied and

well-tried McLarens and

He is driving a Nissan

R390 GTI, built by TWR —

Tom Walkinshaw's team

that runs Damon Hill's

Arrow Formula One car

and won Le Mans twice

with Jaguar. Brundle took

pole position in pre-quali-

fying and given reliabil-

ity, there is no reason the

Nissan cannot win at the

It would be a victory to

please the 70,000 British

supporters expected to

watch a race that attracts

one of the biggest followings in European

The appeal of the specia-

cle, particularly the night

driving is great and the

event brings together a cast list of famous, though

all-but-retired, drivers. Le

Mans is the one race for

which drivers will happily

leave their pipe and slip-pers behind so Brundle.

38, leads a formidable line-

up that includes Mario

57.

Patrese, 43, Derek Bell, 56,

Celebrity challenge, Car 97

and Nelson Piquet. 44.

Michele

Ricardo

first time of asking.

motor racing.

Andretti.

Alboreto.

Porsches,

sleep in a motor-home.

While Walker is settling

EQUESTRIANISM

Law enjoys

degree of

success in

dressage

By JENNY MACARTHUR

UNUSUALLY, none of the riders at the Bramham Inter-

national Horse Trials in York-

shire yesterday disturbed the

shire yesterday disturbed the top five from the opening day of dressage on Thursday. Andrew Hoy, a member of Australia's gold medal-winning team at the Olympics Games last year, retains his 4.4pts lead ahead of Mark

Todd, of New Zealand, as the

competition enters the speed

Leslie Law, one of the

longlisted riders for the Great

Britain team for the Euro-

pean championships in Sep-

tember, was the only rider to

achieve a score in the 40s yesterday. Riding the eight-

year old Perryfields George,

on which he was third at Blair

last year. Law finished on

48pts to go into joint sixth

place. Jean Pierre Blanco, of

France, was the best of the foreign riders and is ninth on

Karen Dixon, on Too

Echo Hill.

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World champion unwilling to remain at back of Formula One grid

Hill waiting restlessly for Arrows to take off

coincidental agendas parted as another frantic working day drew to a close. Tom Walkinshaw headed for the airport, to subject his body to a sleepless weekend of transatlantic commuting, Damon Hill headed for the Portakabin that acted as a debriefing room, to focus his mind on the perennial problem of finishing a race for Arrows.

The cynics, lurking beside the Olympic rowing lake that borders the pitlane at the Gilles Villeneuve circuit in Montreal, were exultant. Even as Walkinshaw scuttled to catch his overnight Air France flight to Paris, his nomadic weekend, flitting between Le Mans and the Canadian Grand Prix, was being touted as a telling symbol of a team with a warped sense of priori-

Walkinshaw required six hours, and the small matter of E4.5 million, to convince Hill of the wisdom of offering Formula One's habitual underachievers the kudos of a world championship and the complementary qualities of a rigorously applied talent. The men are due to meet again, after the British Grand Prix next month, to discuss whether the relationship has any long-term viability.

Yet, on the eve of the most critical race of a troubled season, harsh commercial logic dictated that the needs of Arrows be balanced with the other constituent parts of Walkinshaw's TWR Group, which extends beyond Formula One and sports car racing to the British touring car championship and the world superbike championship. Walkinshaw established his

reputation at Le Mans, where, for a fevered 15-hour fragment of his weekend, he will oversee the fortunes of three Nissans and two Porsches. There is every chance that one will win but, at 9am tomorrow, he is committed to leaving by heliMICHAEL CALVIN



In Montreal

copter for Paris, and the first Concorde flight to New York. He will arrive in Montreal, to assist in final preparations for the grand prix, just as the fabled 24-hour race is finish-

He has made the journey once aiready, having left Le Mans at 8am on Thursday to link up with Hill in Montreal, where, yesterday, he plum-meted from an initially encouraging eighth to 17th on the provisional grid. The selfevident strain of such a schedule, which involves sleeping in the air and will cost an estimated £20,000 when fuel and private landing fees are taken into account, has bred a distinctive sense of humour.

The inevitable debate about such split loyalties was launched with a gentle half voiley of a question. "What will give you greatest pleasure this weekend, a points finish for Damon or a win at Le Mans?" someone asked. "A night's sleep." Walkinshaw shot back, with a sly smile.

The underlying issue cannot be so easily dismissed, however. Though ultimate judgments are premature, Hill. who has yet to finish a race for Arrows, is in danger of mounting the least successful defence of a world championship. His



Arrows' poor reliability and lack of success continue to give Walkinshaw, left, and Hill plenty to think about

initial target, to pass Jody Scheckter's two-point total in 1980, restifies to the sudden restriction on his talents.

Walkinshaw is a winner by nature, and rejects any sugestion that his adoption of the lifestyle of a shuttle diplomat signifies a lack of commitment, "I can miss one qualifying session here without it being catastrophic," he said. Yet he is also acutely aware that Arrows have three races to convince Hill, whose oneyear contract offers scope to listen to the overtures of rival teams, of the scale of their ambition.

"We spent a lot of money on Damon to give us a sense of

focus," he said. " Of course I'd like to keep him. It would be silly not to. It may become an issue of timing. I suspect he wants to make a decision on his future sooner rather than later. We have taken remedial action, but have got only a few weeks to address things. We have to see whether we can offer him the type of package that stacks up into something that can keep a world champi-

The central problem of reliability has involved exploiting the corporate embarrassment of Yamaha, who have been persuaded to take a more hands-on approach to engine development. The recruitment

of John Barnard, the design guru, as technical director has added weight to the three-year plan to create a credible championship-challenging team. Yet, in the short term. Hill's perspective has been changed brutally.
"It's not so much a case of

Tom having to satisfy me." Hill said. "I have to satisfy myself. I want to see Arrows get what they want and, if the necessary ingredients are brought in to make that happen. I'd love to be a part of it. But I am a world champion and I am not going to underself myself. I believe I'm capable of winning another title.

"Nigel Mansell was 30 Smart, finished on 58pts and when he won his championshe now has to prove that Too ship, so I have three years on Smart can hold a straight line him. People forget that in many ways I'm a late developover the difficult corner fences that punctuate the cross-coun er. This is only my fifth season try course today. in Formula One. I feel young Hoy, who has had only one in heart and mind. Maybe cross-country school on his horse, Swizzle In. regards the after ten years in the game. I'd find it very difficult to pack my straight route through the bags and prepare for another

time change: but, at the mo-ment. I still get the buzz." Such enthusiasm is genu-ine, but Hill is no naive idealist. If he looks at Walkinshaw and hears the

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GRANDS PROX TO COME: Tomorrow: Carnodian (Montree) June 29: French (Magni-Cours) July 13: Emel (Swardstree) July 27: German Hocherhelm) Aug 10: Hungarian (Hungaronng) Aug 24: Belgian (Spe-Francorchamps). Sept 2: Austuan IA-1 Ring) Sept 10: Austuan IA-1 Ring) Sept 28: Lucembourg (Nurburgning) Cel 12: Jepenisse (Suzuka) Oct 28: European Linear;

gentle thud of a man falling between several stools, he will transfer his lovalties in an DETAILS FROM MONTREAL CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after 20 reces)

Todd: retained second water — fences 16 and 17 — as more difficult than the lake complex at Badminton last month. He intends to take the longer, slower route. Law, whose Perryfields George is one of the less experienced horses, is worried about the corner fences, "This is the horse's first three-star event and it's a serious three-star-

Jamie Atkinson, 20. a student at Nottingham University, who leads the Yorkshire Post Young Riders championship on Salerosa, a former polo pony, regards several of the longer options as "more difficult" than the quick routes.

he could easily

out" he said.

Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, was one of the few to greet the course with unquali-fied approval. "It's bigger than usual, but it has a nice inviting start — Mark Phillips the course designer has done

Inne course designer | has done a very good job." he said.

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FOOTBALL.

Gullit continues spending spree

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON AND DAVID MADDOCK

RUUD GULLIT, the Chelsea player-manager, made his secsigning this week and fifth since the end of last season when he agreed a fee of £1.6 million for Bernard Lambourde, the Bordeaux central defender. It takes Gullit's spending this summer

to £6.1 million. Lambourde, 26, had helped Bordeaux to qualify for the Uefa Cup and still had three years to run on his contract. Frank Leboeuf, the France and Chelsea defender, alerted Gullit to Lambourde's availability. Chelsea's squad now includes 13 foreign players rom Russia, Romania,

France, Italy, Norway, Holland, Nigeria and Uruguay. On Wednesday Gullit brought in Ed de Goey, the Holland and Feyenoord goalkeeper, for £2.25 million.

Ian Rush, the Leeds United and former Wales striker, has been told that he can leave the club. George Graham, the Leeds manager, said: "If he wants to find another club, we will do all we can to help him. I have told him that I cannot guarantee him a first-team place." Rush, 35, who joined from Liverpool last summer, scored only three goals in 42 appearances for Leeds. Blackburn Rovers' interest

in Stephane Henchoz, the Switzerland defender, from Hamburg became more acute yesterday after Colin Hendry, the Blackburn and Scotland central defender, told the club that he wants to leave.

Plymouth Argyle, of the Nationwide League second di-vision, have been fined £30,000 for their part in a brawl during the match against Chesterfield in February. Two players from each side were sent off after the incident, with Ronnle Mauge. of Plymouth, having been dismissed earlier in the game. Chesterfield were fined

Reluctant Gibson admits defeat

MIDDLESBROUGH have conceded defeat in their efforts to overturn the three-point deduction that ultimately cost them their place in the FA Carling Premiership last season (Russell

Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman, had threatened to take the matter further, after the club had lost its initial appeal, but yesterday he said: "The attempts of my club to be heard and to receive a balanced and fair hearing have been met with a mixture of arrogance, complacency, incompetence, negligence and self-interest."

Kempson writes).

CYCLING

Dangerfield goes on trial again

By Peter Bryan STUART DANGERFIELD, er and British best all-rounder

who has taken a break from racing since winning the Brit-ish 25 miles championship a fortnight ago, returns to competition tomorrow in the 374mile international mountain time-trial that opens the Isle of Man cycling week.

Last year Dangerfield looked a certain winner until he failed to take the hairpin at Governor's Bridge, had to make a U-turn to get back on course and lost by nine seconds to Anthony Langella, of France.

The line-up tomorrow includes Andy Wilkinson, the triple competition record-holdchampion, and Keith Murray. the Army rider who recently set a new military world onehour best of 46,267 kilometres in Manchester. He has won 15 events this year.

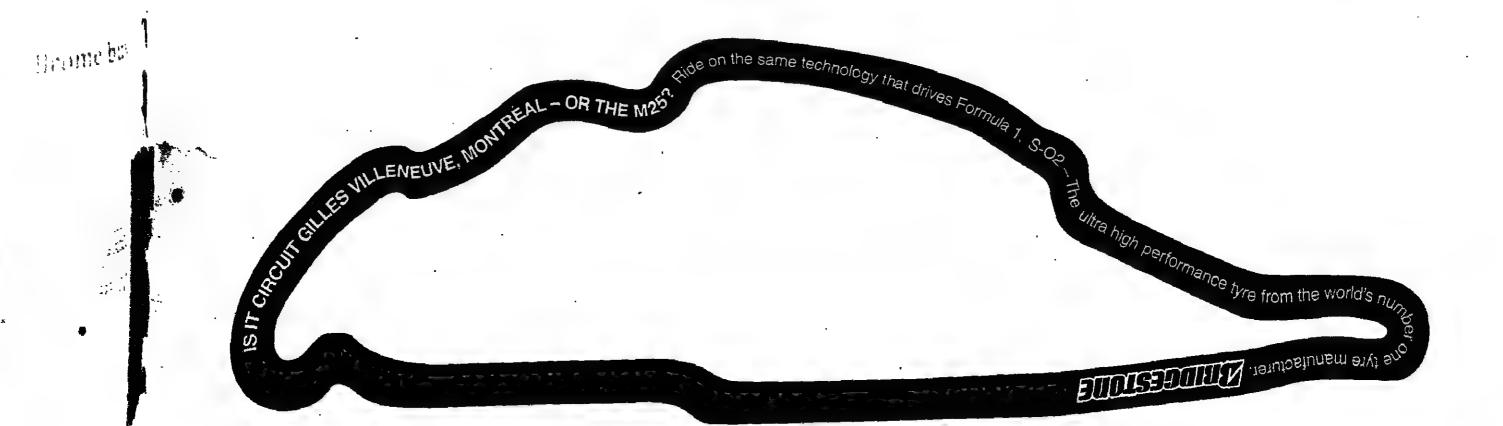
The late withdrawal by Germany leaves overseas opposition from French and Dutch teams.

The cycling week, with an entry of 500, ends next Friday with the 113-mile Manx international road race and the women's national road race championship. In the latter, Maria Lawrence defends her title alongside Anne Plant, the silver medal-winner last year.

Plant has urged that the distance of the title race be increased to two laps of the TT circuit (75 miles), but the organisers will not budge from one lap. ☐ Jens Heppner, the German

who rides for Telekom, won the fifth stage of the Criterium du Dauphiné yesterday, a 169-kilometre run from Cavaillon to Digne-les-bains. Viacheslav Ekimov, of Russia. kept the overall leader's yellow

Heppner made his move 20 kilometres from the finish as he opened up a 50-second lead over Javier Pascual, of Spain,



RUGBY UNION 43

Missing internationals give Lions few clues in Natal

CRICKET 44-45

Match peters out as Australians opt for batting practice



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Briton aims to stick to straight and narrow to build on first-round lead in US Open

Montgomerie kept waiting Woods answers

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND

RAIN and the danger of lightning caused play in the 97th US Open to be suspended just before lunch yesterday. Only L2 players had completed their second rounds at Congressional Country Club when the klaxon was sounded to summon contestants in from the course. One was Peter Mitchell, the European Tour player, who had a 78, eight over par. It was Mitchell's first US Open and with a 36-hole aggregate of 153, 13 over par. he was certain to miss the cut.

At that point José María Olazabal was on the 10th tee. He was level par for his second round, one over in total, and six strokes behind Colin Montgomerie, the tournament leader, who had yet to start his second round. Nick Faldo, in the group behind Olazabal, had dropped strokes at the 2nd and the L2th but birdied the 8th. He was three over par and needed one

birdie to be sure he would make the cut. He has played all four rounds in all but one of the ten US Opens in which he

has competed.
Tiger Woods had made virtually certain he would survive to the last two rounds of only his second major championship as a professional. He was level par with two holes remaining to be played. Hal Sutton, who was in second place, one stroke behind Monigomerie, and Mark McNulty, two strokes behind Montgomerie, were others who had not begun their second rounds. Darren Clarke, three over par after 18 holes, had slumped to six over after 23. Lee Westwood was two over par with ten holes of his second round still to be

The adventures and misadventures of John Daly contintournament back since he was admitted to the Betty Ford Clinic for treatment for alcoholism, played nine holes of his second round and then withdrew from the event. He was three over par for his second round, ten strokes over

par for the championship. The reason for Daly's withdrawal was not known. "John gave no explanation and departed the golf course immedistely," an official of the United States Golf Association, said. When Daly was seen in the clubhouse soon after he had left the course, he

was sweating and pale. The delay will not have helped Montgomerie as he attempts to win his first major championship after losing in play-offs at the 1994 US Open and the 1995 US PGA championships. After warming up for

the second round and making his way to the putting green would have wanted to maintain some of the impetus he

had on Thursday. "I am as happy playing in the US Open as Tiger Woods is playing the Masters." Montgomerie said after his 65. This is a tournament where I am very, very comfortable. I tend to drive the ball as straight as anybody and that is a great advantage here. I left some strokes on the course but everybody did, I am sure. It is a very demanding golf course. There is no let-up. There is not one hole on the card that says birdie on it.

'My God, he is so straight," Ben Crenshaw said when watching Montgomerie on television in the locker-room. That is one heck of a score on

this golf course today. It is a truly great round of golf." Though only eight men broke par on Thursday, the course was not as fearsomely long as had been predicted. How else to explain that Mark McNulty, one of the shortest hitters, lay fourth, and Hale Irwin. who is 52. lay tenth?

"Straightness, that is the explanation," McNulty said. We all know that if you hit the ball straight on to the green and have as few putts as possible, you're going to win the tournament. I mean that's logic. But everybody is going to hit rough at least once, twice, three or four times this week. It is how you manage yourself from there that

The secret of Montgomerie's round was not only that he was arrow straight, but that he was also sneakily long. The heat and humidity helped his ball to travel further, but who would have thought that he could cover the 466-yard 10th with a three-wood and a fouriron, for example? Likewise, would he have been expected to be able to reach the 13th seven-iron as it is more than

460 yards? And what about the 16th and 17th holes, 44! yards and 480 yards respectively? Montgomerie used an eight-iron for his second on the loth and a seven-iron for his second on the 17th. Never let it be said again that he is not a long hitter. Never let yourself be taken in by his protestations: "I am not Tiger Woods, I am Colin Montgomerie." Here this week he has been hitting the ball further than ever.

With play suspended at 11.5lam, marshals directed spectators towards the clubhouse areas. Steve Forman, of Bethesda, refused to leave despite the dangers of lightning. "I've been here since 6.20 this morning." he said. "The only thing that is going to get me out of here is a hearse."



Woods, silhouetted on the 9th fringe yesterday, battles back into contention in the second round at Bethesda

DETAILS FROM CONGRESSIONAL

EARLY SCORES AFTER TWO ROUNDS

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birdie barrage

John Hopkins watches as the Masters champion roars back into contention

Tiger Woods in a corner is not a concept with which we are familiar. Tiger triumphs, Tiger mania, Tiger terrific. These are the sort of headlines that have been commonplace in the ten months since he turned professional. So, his 74 in the first round of the US Open was a

Conventional wisdom is that, after a bogey, you must hit back with a birdie, that a bad round must be followed by a good one to demonstrate character and courage.

Woods has not experienced travails like this, though he had finished 67th in his previous event. He had won every major championship he had played as a professional.

How would the Masters champion react to being nine strokes behind Colin Montgomerie, the leader, and to the danger of missing the cut, which would mean the end of his chase for the grand

Like the champion he is, was the answer. Clad in a yellow shirt, he burst forth in the second round as if he could not wait to accept the challenge that he faced. Three birdies in five holes ry. Iron shots flew

of the flag on the lst, six feet on the 2nd, three feet on the 5th and four feet on the 7th. His drive on the 6th was so long - well he needed only an eight-iron to reach the green at a hole measuring 475 yards.

By then, he had repaired most of the previous day's damage. He was back to level par, well inside the predicted cut, and still had half a round during which to improve some more. He was on course for a 66, one stroke behind Montgomerie's record score of

the first day.

Montgomerie's round had according to Phil Mickelson, a playing partner one of the finest displays of ball-striking that he had seen. Woods's comeback round was rugged, bursts of brilliance mixed with spells of ordinari-On the 9th and 11th, for

example, he played poor strokes with a wedge, his ball ending at least 35 feet away. On the 13th, using an iron from the tee, he hit into the rough; on the 16th, again with a wedge, he chipped ten feet past the hole. He dropped shots at both holes.

There are no doubts that Woods has precocious talents, however. On the 10th, he demonstrated why his fellow

professionals are in awe of him. His ball ended in a swale and the club that he used for his third stroke, which had to climb up a ridge to the edge of the green and almost come to a stop before gaining speed to roll down towards the flag, was a three-

Tom Lehman

and Steve Jones,

his playing part

scarcely believe

the evidence of

their eyes. Woods's ball be-

haved as if it was

'His ball behaved as if on a piece of string'

hole. It stopped two feet from

the start of his first round. There were the usual cries of "Nice shooting, Tiger" as if he was in a rifle range and "Good job", but the stampedes down the sides of the fairways had gone. Perhaps it was too early. or Woods had set out at 7.40am.

He was standing on the 17th tee when the threat of lightning caused play to be

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Troubled Sampras falls to Bjorkman

By JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

PETE SAMPRAS, the world No I and similarly seeded at the Stella Artois championships, was vesterday beaten in three sets by Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden so prolonging his sequence of poor

Previously a warm favourite to win his fourth Wimbledon men's singles title. Sampras appeared lethargic against Biorkman's precise return of service. The American strolled to the first set, 6-3, but



Sampras: lethargic

Bjorkman quickly assumed command to shatter his opponent's aura of invincibility on grass and take the next two 6-3, 6-4. It was the Swede's first triumph over Sampras in five meetings

Sampras seemed almost

disinterested halfway through the second set, but Bjorkman - who, unlike many of his compatriots, favours an attacking game - believed his opponent was committed throughout. "He was fighting at the end," Bjorkman. 27, said. "He broke me back near the end of the last set. I'm sure he wanted to get further than the quarter-finals."

Sampras's record at Queen's Club is poor, but the defeat still suggested that he is well shart of his best for Wimbledon. He has now gone seven tournaments without reaching a final. Biorkman. ranked No 24 in the world and yet to win a Tour event, described his vanquished opponent as "one of the best players in history".

I felt good when I was 4-2 up [in the third set], but I had been there before against Pete," he said. "This time I just tried to put my shots in and hope, maybe, he will make the mistakes." Bjorkman faces Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, in the semi-finals today, while Greg Rusedski, of Britain, meets Goran Ivanisevic. of Croatia. Rusedski is the first Briton to advance this far in the 18-year history of the lournament.

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Cowdrey — first lord of Lord's

welcoming the first Lord of the "Green Circle", indeed the first Lord of Sport. That it should be Sir Colin Cowdrey is delightful. Having been knighted, in 1992, for his legendary feats as a cricketer and his many other services to the game, his preferment now comes for the work he has put in more recently as chairman of the Downing Street Sporting Ambassadors project, aimed at

Tricket rejoices today in

sporting stars. This is part sport, part education, and as a spokesman on the subject in the House of Lords. Cowdrey, a fine and well-tried speaker, will be heard with interest and respect. No one ever gave up his time more willingly to help more charitable causes. many of them quite unconnected with his responsibilities as president of the Lord's

rounding up and licking into

shape the country's would-be

As chairman of the MCC cricket committee, Cowdrey's current crusade is to arrest the constant vakety-yaking that goes on round the bat and is becoming an increasingly irksome feature of the game at many levels. The strident, almost mandatory, seemingly gratuitous "well bowled Crofty" from England's close fielders or "that's the shot, Warnie" from Australia's to be heard clearly on television after almost every ball, is John Woodcock welcomes the ennobling of an exceptional ambassador for cricket

anathema to Cowdrey, a former chairman of the International Cricket Council. He himself was brought up on a very occasional but unmistakenly pithy "you lucky little so-and-so," from such demigods as Keith Miller. Ray Lindwall or Fred

Of Test cricketers who have been knighted there are, including Cowdrey, ten, all of whom were honoured when their playing days were finish-

ing or when they were over. The three famous West Indian "Ws". for example, are to he found in Wisden today as Sir Clyde Walcott, Sir Everton Worrell was dubbed when he was 40 (four years before he died). Walcott when he was 67 and Weekes when he was 70.

Sir Alec will be at the Test match at Lord's next week, as may Sir Richard and Sir Garfield: Alec Bedser, Rich-



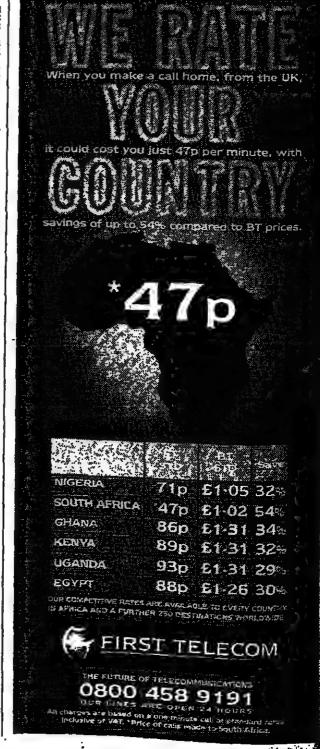
Cowdrey in his elegant prime as an England player

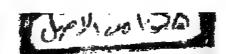
ard Hadlee and Gary Sobers

But for a games player of Colin Cowdrey's eminence to have been ennobled for what he has done for sport is, I think, unique. In the last century, the Lords Harris and Hawke both captained England; but theirs were hereditary titles. Lord Harris led England four times and Lord Hawke five. Lord Harris was a good enough batsman to score 33 and 36 against Australia at Melbourne and 52 against them at the Oval; Lord Hawke took two England sides to South Africa and reigned supreme over Yorkshire cricket for 40 years.

ike Cowdrey, Learie Constantine, another great cricketer, was first knighted and then raised to the peerage, but they were political honours. He became Sir Learie Constantine in 1962 as High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago in London and was created a life peer after being, at sometime or other, rector of St Andrews University, a member of the Race Relations Board and also of the Sports Council. Forty years ago this month Cowdrey helped Peter May add 411 for England's fourth wicket against West Indies at Edgbaston: this morning he is still there, butting for Britain.

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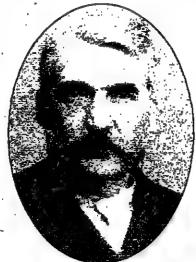
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My years tracking the world's craftiest criminal



How the Rodney King riots and the Waco siege led our correspondent Ben Macintyre (right) to the man who was Moriarty

the headquarters of the Pinkerton's Detective Agency to explore its 19th-century archive and write a companion article about cops and robbers in a different, sepia-tinted age. The birthplace of American crimefighting was also, I reckoned, about the safest place to be in a

city still reeling from the riots.

The Pinkertons: the very name suggested gritty lawmen with comical facial hair and six-shooters. America's earliest detectives kept voluminous records. Here were details of the hunt for Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Jesse James, the Reno Gang; the best bad-

dies of American folklore. Here, too, as I picked up a

stray newspaper clipping from 1902, was a name new to me, though the claims made by the writer were extravagant in the extreme: "Adam Worth, Greatest Thief of Modern Times; stole \$3,000,000", read the headlines. "This is the story of Adam Worth. If a fiction writer guid conceive such a story, he might well hesitate to write it by fear of being accused of sing the wildly improbable. the solver, cold technical judgment passed upon Adam Worth the greatest thief-hunters of merica and Great Britain is at he was the most remarkle, most successful and most agerous professional crimi-ever known."

that ragged piece of fading wsprint led me to another mer of the archive, where I and six chronological folders belled "Worth", tied together

n 1992 I found myself in Los Angeles covering the grim aftermath of the Rodney King trial for The with string and bulging with photographs, letters, news clips and hundreds of memos by the Pinkerton detectives, each one imes. One afternoon I drove to written in meticulous copperplate. The tale they told was astonishing: of a German-born American Jew who faked his own death in the Civil War, cleared a Boston bank of \$500,000, fled to Europe with a musical safe-opener called "Piano" Charley and a beautiful moll named Kitty Flynn; of a man who settled in Mayfair in the heart of Victorian London and ran a vast criminal network from Constantinople to San Francisco to Cape Town, while he lived the life of a rich Victorian gentleman complete with racehorses, yachts and lavish apartments; of a man who by day was virtue personi-fied and by night was the blackest of sinners.

The Worth files told another, parallel story, of the portrait of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, painted by Thomas Gainsborough about 1785, stolen by Worth in 1876 and kept by the crook in a false-bottomed trunk, a talisman of his villainy as he travelled the world for a quarter-century on his odyssey

of theft, forgery and fraud. The painting had led a most colourful existence even before the theft: it had vanished mysteriously at the end of the 18th century and then reappeared, with the legs amputated, in the cottage of a retired English schoolmistress in 1841, before being sold for 10,100 guineas in 1876, then the highest price ever paid for a painting, just two weeks before Worth filched it.

Worth was too clever to have written anything so revealing

ing the end of his criminal career, he had contacted William Pinkerton, arguably the greatest of America's gum-shoe breed, and furnished a full account of his crimes, explaining that the time had come at last to surrender the Gainsborough. Pinkerton kept a verba-

tim report of the interview. Reading Worth's 16-page confession exactly a century later, I could almost feel Worth's strange fixation with through the stained pages.

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"The Lady must go home," he told the detective. The Gainsborough portrait was Worth's obsession. He was now mine.

azed, elated and tantalised, I emerged from the archive. The Pinkertons' evidence was vast yet incomplete. The gaps showed just how elusive Worth had been during his life of crime; in death, as I would discover over the next four years, he was just his stolen painting burning as slippery. According to Pinthrough the stained pages, kerton, Worth had been

brought up in Boston and joined a New York regiment of the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil War. A call to the National Archives in Washington quickly ascertained that one Adam Worth, of the right age and correct regiment, had indeed fought, and officially died, for the Union. Worth's first recorded crime was as a "bounty-jumper", making a handsome living by repeatedly enlisting, accepting a cash payment for doing so and then deserting. His "death" at the Battle of Bull Run in 1862 was

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only the first of a series of disappearing acts. drifted to New York and there the scent grew stronger. The New York public library and the NYPD archives furnished numerous contemporary accounts of his crimes and those of his shady colleagues, including the glamorous "Piano" Charley Bullard the sinister safe-expert. "Haron" Max Shinburn and Fredericka

TRAVEL

At the end of the war he "Marm" Mandelbaum, New York's most famous, and fat-

My every free moment was now spent hunting Worth's remains. I visited the site of Sing Sing jail, where he was briefly incarcerated before escaping again, and walked the streets of Manhattan's "Bowery" where he held court with his underworld crew. Then I went to New Jersey, where Patterson Smith, the world's foremost crime-bibliophile has a house crammed to the rafters with crime books, ancient and modern. "Worth was the model

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Continued from page i for Professor Moriarty in the Sherlock Holmes stories, you know," said the encyclopaedic Mr Smith, opening up unother rich seam. So I looked up the passage featuring Moriarty in The Final Problem, written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle:

'He is the Napoleon of Crime, Watson. He is the organiser of half that is evil and of nearly all that is undetected in this great city ... He sits motionless, like a spider at the centre of its web, but that web has a thousand radiations, and he knows well every guiver of each of them ... Improbably enough, it was Worth's grandson who found-

ed Pan American Airlines. The older generation of that family, Boston Brahmins of considerable wealth, were not one bit amused to be told that their forebear was a notorious bank robber, but the younger members were, and they had the crucial family portraits.

A holiday I took back in London became a hunt for fresh clues. Scotland Yard was enormously unhelpful. The Pinkerton's files contained numerous letters from the British detectives, but in the Yard's archives not a trace of Adam Worth, or Henry Raymond, his alias, remained. "We can't keep everything, dear. Been burnt, I expect," the Scotland Yard archivist explained.

Luckily, before the pyromaniac keepers of our cultural heritage had got to work, an American biographer of the Pinkerton dynasty had gained access to the British Worth title, leaving behind invaluable notes. Lloyd's shipping register soon identified his yacht, the Shamrock, a sleek 110ft beauty which, according to newspapers in the British Museum, had subsequently been sold to an English peer. I telephoned the peer's direct descendant "Oh yes," said his lordship, "we have an oil painting of it somewhere."

Worth and I became sparring partners. But the facts of his existence became an adjunct to my own. I prig had got his comeuppance'

> Bradford & Bingley Building Society), Worth's operational HQ near Formum and Mason; then to his home off Clapham Common; then to the house where he died, penniless, in Camden; then to the unmarked grave in Highgate where he lies. She did nbt complain or if she did, in my one-track state, I did not hear.

While tailing Worth, I also set off in pursuit of Georgiana.
his painted duchess. The archives of Agnew's art gallery. into which Worth had broken on the night of May 25, 1876, in order, as he put it, to "elope" with Gainsborough's great painting, were packed with unexpected pearls: fragments of the canvas edge Worth had cut off and sent to the art dealer to prove he had taken it; a series of ransom notes in the criminal's hand, ending abruptly when he decided he could not part with the stolen treasure; dozens of letters from cranks and crooks claiming to have discovered the lost work by telepathic means or offering to return it for vast sums.

The sale of the painting had caused a sensation. The theft provoked another. The image of the duchess was reproduced on prints, in marble busts and as a seaside amusement, with the face cut out, so that holidaymakers could peer through to have their photograph taken for a shilling. To my collection of Worthiana was now added a fast-growing stock of

Georgiana-ana. After a year of sleuthing. I had assembled a daunting mass of material. I had not yet, however, written a single word about the life of Worth. That opportunity was provided by David Koresh, a mad

messianic cult leader who holed himself up in a compound in Waco, Texas, with about 70 followers and an enormous arsenal of weapons. The six-week siege, at Waco. Texas, to which I was dispatched, was one of the biggest

news stories of the decade, but as the standoff dragged on the interest of the news desk waned, as did the attractions of the Doctor Pepper Muse-

loathed him, wishing the ruthless little I dragged my wife to 198 um, Linda's Happy Time Tav-Piccadilly (now a branch of the ern and McDonald's. By day

we waited, sweatily, outside the cult compound. Trapped in the Day's Inn beside the Highway, night after night, enough sheer boredom set in to dismantle even my monu-mental writer's block.

1 suspect most biographers

develop an ambivalent, partially antagonistic relationship vith their subjects. Worth and I became sparring partners. His life was in my hands; but the facts of his existence became, in some way, an adjunct At times I loathed him,

wishing the ruthless little prig had got his comeuppance, and wondering how I had fallen in with such detestable company. others his hypocrisy seemed almost heroic. I found a character far more subtle. supple and complicated than that of an efficient thief. Worth did only bad, but in his warped Victorian psy-chology he clearly thought himself a good, even a virtu-

25 years was an emblem of his moral duality, at once his greatest prize and proof of his exclusion from the civilised society it represented. Worth held his minions in thrall. I feared I had become one.

His relationship with the

Gainsborough painting over

Yoon, I began boring complete strangers on aeroplanes with his tale. scoured antiques fairs for more examples of the spread of the Gainsborough image. I pinned an enlarged reproduction of the portrait on the bedroom wall. My wife said it was chocolate-boxy and unsettling. I took it down.

As I tried to re-spin the web

GAINSBORGUGH'S DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE COMES FULL CIRCLE

He was thought

portrait in 1791, when

radiations seemed to grow ever more intricate and fantastic. A chance conversation with an authority on Henry James revealed that part of the story of the picture - its eventual sale to the American millionaire John Pierpont Morgan - had become the basis for James's last (and possibly worst) novel. The Outcry. Yet more oddly, a novelist named Rosamund de Zeer Marshall had turned parts of the story into a bodice-

starring Paulette Goddard At the end of 1995, with the book all but completed and my stint in New York over. we moved to France and I prepared nervously to dispatch

ripping romp in 1945. A year

later it was made into a film

the manuscript to publishers. As I write from the Paris office of The Times. I can see across the Place de l'Opéra to the Grand Hôtel, where Worth ran an illegal gambling den in the 1870s.

· I-am still unsure whether I have been tailing Worth all this time, or whether he is shadowing me.

The Napoleon of Crime, The Life and Times of Adam Worth, h Ben Madniyre (HarperCollins) is published on June 19. Times readers can order it for £15 ia saving of £3 on the publisher's RRP of ElS) by calling The Bookshop on (1490 1.4459).

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John Plerpont Morgan and his last surviving grandchild, Mabel Setterlee Ingalis. grandchild, Mabel Setterlee Ingelis.
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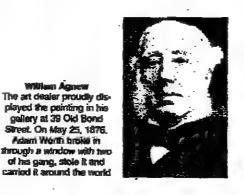


sold the painting £30,000 (£1,613,440) to the American millionaire Pierpant Morgan

Adam Worth broke in



In 1901, after 25 years . Worth finally returned the painting. Mortand Agnew, the son of William Agnew, ent to America to bring it back to England



Above: Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire by Thomas Gainsborough

Around 1785 Gainsborough painted this celebrated portrait of the famous Duchess, stolen by Adam Worth in 1876. Whether on completion the painting ever actually hung in the ducal home of Chatsworth is unrecorded. But the story of how it finally took up residence there in 1994 spans over 200 years of intrigue, mystery and crime. To follow it yourself, start with the 5th Duke (top) and work your way clockwise around the page.



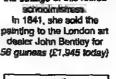
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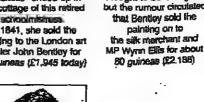


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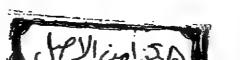


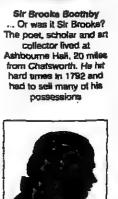




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Tune in to a black & white set

Classic monochrome swimsuits - bikini and one-piece - are back with graphics, stripes and checks, says Heath Brown

lack and white magic has cast its spell once again, this time on swimwear. From designer ranges to high-street stores the tide is turning on ultra-bright florals and tropical designs. The classic black and white swimsuit is back.

"Prints and colours come and go but there is nothing more flattering than black and white," says Lou Madge, the swimwear buyer at Fenwicks. "This season there are fewer florals and lots of graphic stripes, zigzags and checks."

Because monochrome is so flattering, any body shape will look good in one. If you have a regular, pear-shaped figure, a one-piece with a plain, black bottom and patterned top will detract attention from a large bottom, or if you have a large chest, the reverse effect can help. There are swimsuits specifically designed to enhance or minimise the hust with underwiring or seamed Lycra panelling. Gottex even has a range which includes a bra within the costume.

To create an hourglass shape, wear a halterneck costume with a cut-out waist-line or slashes, or go for a hikini in a hold.

To create an hourglass shape, wear a halterneck costume with a cut-out waist-line or slashes, or go for a bikini in a bold black-and-white stripe or graphic pattern. Baywatch-style high-cut costumes cut above the hip-line can look tacky on a leggy bloude but on small frames they add a sense of length to shorter legs. If you are skinny, you will look more shapely in horizontal or all-over striping. Here, too, a high-cut swimsuit is recom-

Here, too, a high-cut swimsuit is recommended because bare, bony hips are better than covered ones.

The style for this summer, however, is

the asymmetric one shoulder, one-piece swimsuit. A diagonal stripe across the chest can divert attention from very broad shoulders, but beware of an uneven







FAR LEFT: Ásymmetric tle-effect top suit, £99, Gideon Oberson, avallable at Ferwicks, Bond Street, London W1 (0171-629 9161)

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LEFT: Stripe blkini, £24.99, Hennes Beach Wear (0171-255 2031). White thong sandals, £15, Warehouse (0171-278 3491)

£42.50, Slix, available at Fenwick, Bond Street, W1, and John Lewis, Oxford Street, W1 (0181-450 3066)

TOP RIGHT: Computer-print strapless suit £110, Gottex, Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1. Stockists, 0171-584 2427

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SANDALS make a comeback this summer in

updated versions that are cool and comfortable. Here are three of the best around. H.B.





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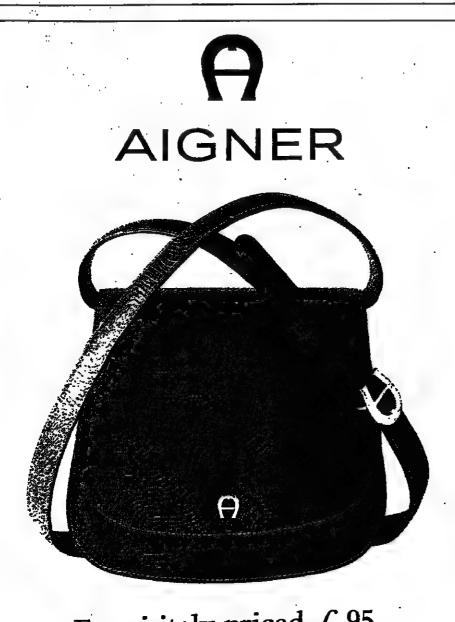
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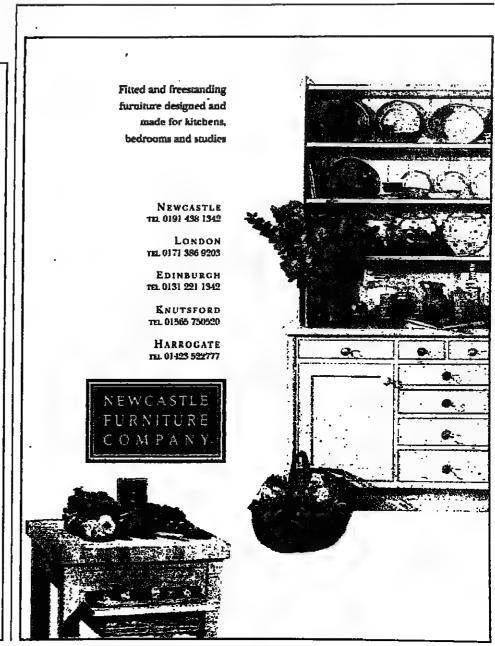


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Lawns: Stephen Anderton asks if we need them; Barbara Abbs on creating one



Box hedges with brick area and wooden arbour

Why not cut out grass?

ouldn't we just manage without a lawn altogether? ask some people who have little time to look after the grass, particularly through a dry summer.

Well, I know that in drought years it's barely green, and in wet years it's a chore to cut. But a lawn — grass at least is what vacant land reverts to in Britain if left to its own devices. It is nature's default mode. So it has to be a brave. conscious decision to get rid of it altogether. Sometimes, however, that's the best decision.

in very small gardens and urban courtyards, the wear and tear of feet would rapidly reduce even a shade-tolerant grass mixture to a compacted mess. Also, a tiny patch of lawn can look uncomfortably like a desperate measure and no one wants a garden to

look in any way desperate.
There are other benefits in not having a lawn. For the sake of a few square yards of grass, who wants the noise of even an electric mower? In a



Garden with black and

small garden, why give up growing space to a shed for a mower, when a trowel and fork in the broom cupboard would otherwise be enough? What do you do with the grass clippings? And how do you stop them treading indoors when it's wet? More importantly, replac-

ing grass with paving or gravel makes a small garden look bigger. Plants can flop more generously over the pav-ing without playing Chicken to passing lawnmowers. And, because small town gardens generally sit in the shadow of buildings, the more lush you make the planting the more you can pretend to be relaxing a thousand miles up the Amazon. Taking tea under 8ft gunnera leaves in a town garden is delightfully absurd. with or without the pre-recorded cicadas and tree-frogs. and big foliage in small spaces really does work wonders.

But you have to be clear about what replacing a lawn entails. Well-laid paving can be almost maintenance-free, so long as it is not so shaded that it becomes slippery. And paving is expensive. Gravel, on the other hand, is a notorious seedbed for weeds and, in could, of course, make a stylish gravel, moss and bamboo garden, but you might need weedkillers to maintain it. (paraquat is relatively harmess to mosses).

in larger, more open, or rural gardens, replacing lawn with a hard surface becomes less easy. Grass is much the cheapest surface to lay over a large area and, in any case, to cover the same area with a sheet of paving could easily make your garden resemble a

Gravel, or gravel with a



Town house garden with a silver-green themed planting and Japanese-style barbecue, designed by Barbara Hunt

gravel

look

little paving, is the most satis-factory option in large sunny spaces. It tends to be accompanied by Mediterranean plantings of sun-worshipping plants, which satisfies natural logic: if an open space remains dry and gravelly, the chances

n her garden at Colchester. Essex. Beth Chatto has turned a car parking space into a gravel "river bed" bordered by areas of drought-tolerant plants, which taper gradually down into the gravel itself. There are sedums and euphorbias, origanums, crambe, grasses and sea-hollies, all of which revel in her pitifully dry climate.

But would that look as happy in Oban, or Aberystwyth, where the rainfall is many times heavier? Probably not. There, more than ever, the vernacular surface of open space is grass. But why are we

supposed to feel so bad about grass these days? All right, so it's fairly labour-intensive (our problem) and uses non-politically correct fossil fuels to cut it (the world's prob-

lem). It can be criticised as perverse or Paving or even futile to spend so much time chopping the tops off grasses. But where makes a water is moderate ly pientiful, grass is garden the logical surface to lay for large, This does not

bigger' mean that people in the wetter west are denied modern designer gardens. Grass, just as much as gravel, can be as cleverly used to great effect, and it comes as no surprise to find that the architect Charles Jenks's extraordinary garden of sculptured turf banks is in

drizzly Dumfriesshire, or that

Graeme Moore, who designs patterned grass parterres, lives in nearby Lanarkshire. Grass does not have to be so terribly labour intensive, so

long as we learn to relax about it a little: to forget the quest for a plain emerald carpet which shows up every speck of vegetable fluff, and to settle for grass with a fine pattern of turf weeds, but which is none the less an expansive foil for flower gar-

dening. The trouble is, just now, the moral high ground is with gravel. Words say it all. in some eyes, "lawn" is for fascist mower-lovers shooting weedkiller from the hip; "turf" is for arty sculptors and the wellheeled: "meadow" is for romantics, and plain "grass.."

well, it is urgently in need of rehabilitation as it has become so unfashionahie

With a modicum of laissezfaire, however, you can have an attractive green garden Boor in almost any part of Britain for the price of a lawnmower, it's soft to walk on, soft to lie on and to play on. It's more hopeful, too, than a view of gravel in the dark days of winter. And, miraculously, it recovers from all but the cruellest drought, even with-

out watering.
Grass in Britain, as someone once said, grows in spite of what you do to it, not because of what you do to it.

 Designers known for their grass-free gardens include Jill -Billington, 100 Fox Lane, London NI3 4AX; Barbara Hunt. 91 Church Street, Staines. Middleser TW18 4XS; and John Brookes, Clock House, Denmans, Fontwell, Arundel.

WEEKEND TIPS

Make successive sowings of

bectroot, turnips and runner

beans. Watch for slug damage.

Keep strawberries and care

fruits well supplied with water.

Extra water will also help swell

Potted indoor azaleas can

now be plunged outdoors in half shade. Water well after

planting, in and around the

not, and remember to keep

them moist over the summer.

such as acanthus, bergamot,

asters, honeysuckle and roses

bearded irises after flowering.

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just on the surface.

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soil. The rhizome should be

Watch for mildew on plants

early potatoes.

- and spray

Sow more parsley for late

summer/autumn cropping.

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

At the end of March I planted a Forsythia 'Minigold' in a well-en-riched hole and watered it with liquid fertiliser. After a week some leaves shrivelled and turned brown. I took this to be frost damage, and gave it some protection until the weather warmed up. The damage got worse and I went back to the nursery, only to find it had the same problem. Is this variety especially suscepti-ble to frost, and should I plant a different one? New caves are now beginning to break out lower down. - H.J. Bache, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

Relax. The plants had probably been forced into growth too early, before the nursery bought them in. Nursery stock overwintered in polythene tunnels can become too advanced for its own good. It is forsythia's flowers, not leaves, which are frost-resistant. At least your plant is alive, and there should be no trouble next year. Another lesson here is not to give liquid feed too early in the year, since if it is accompanied by a sudden warm spell it can induce precocious growth before the osts have gone. Liquid feeds are for summer, when growth is active. 'Minigold' s a form of Forsythia ovata, a Rorean species of more compact and smaller habit than the common forsythias,

such as 'Lynwood Variety' and F. suspensa. It should only reach 5ft-7ft. But the mini-ness refers to the size of the flowers. F. viridissima 'Bronxensis' is under 4ft, but needs heat to flower well.

Q Last autumn I planted 50 lily of the valley corms, bought from a reputable grower. The plants reached their proper height and have clearly enjoyed being nurtured in compost. but the leaves are beginning to subside - and they have not produced any flowers. - L Davidson, London Wl.

A You say "compost".

Are they in pots? My experience of lity of the valley is that it is slow to settle down to flowering from the purchased "pips". and dislikes wet, peaty com-posts. Plant them out in your garden, in ordinary garden soil, in part shade, with some lime added (they seem happiest on limey soil) and see what happens next year. Once they have settled down to flowering, you could lift and pot a few pips in autumn, in a soil-based compost or leafmould.

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The pool at Knighthayes Court with its geometric hedges

Garden rooms with a view

OPEN THIS WEEKEND

■ Knightshayes, Tiverton. Devon (01884 253264).

Two miles N of Tiverton. Open daily I lam-5.30pm until Nov 2, £3.30. children E1.60. National Trust members free.

Recent changes give better views of the parkland as you arrive and hide the formal gardens, making them a delightful surprise as you round the corner of the Victorian sandstone house. The 12-acre formal garden is on a steeply sloping site below the house with exquisite views across the countryside. Terraces are planted with tree peonies, roses and herbaceous plants which step down to a pool and fountain, while a wide sweep of lawn continues the journey

down the hill. This garden melds into a 30acre woodland with magnolias, azaleas, cornus, hydrangea, conifers, beeches, oaks and limes, underplanted with forgloves, cyclamen, blue omphalodes and pink ery-throniums. There is also a series of yew garden rooms, one with battlement shapes cut into the yew enclosing a lily pond, another paved with two standard wisterias and a planting in pastel shades. The entrances to the garden rooms

are having some Talbot hounds added and there is already a hunting scheme in topiary roaring along the top of one of the hedges. This was the work of Sir John and Lady Heathcoat Amory who took over the garden in the 1930s. One of the great attractions

of Knightshayes is that it has had continual, dedicated care since the 1870s when the garden designer Edward Kemp first made the terraces in front of the house. That tradition is being maintained by the head gardenet. Michael Hickson, who is arranging for 20 new trees a year to be planted for the next 50 years,

How Caple Court, How Caple, Hereford (01989 740626)

Ten miles southeast of Hereford on B4224. Open Mon-Sat 9.30am-Spm. Sun 10am-5pm. £2.50, children £1.25. Opera evening tonight prices. E22, or E27 for a reserved seat: phone 01989

Here is a chance to admire a garden at night serenaded by Madame Butterfly while tucking into a picnic of your own making: a mini Glynde-bourne, without the huge prices. But if you can't make it tonight the gardens are open until the end of October.

The site is high above the River Wye, with informal plantings of redwoods, metasequoia, limes, beech, the Atlas cedar (Cedrus atlantica). oak and shrubs extending the natural woodland that sur-

round the gardens. Although How Caple Court was mentioned in the Doomsday book, the 11-acre garden is essentially Edwardian and was designed by Lennox B. Lee. the great-grandfather of the owner, Roger Lee, and his sister Georgina, who are restoring the gardens. The only major change since their great grandlather's time is a border designed by Alan Bloom. The most ambitious part of the Lees' programme is giving the kiss of life to the Florentine water garden, which was so overgrown that, as children, the Lees knew it as "the jungle". They also hope to restore the yew topiary, central fountain and the huge wood and brick pillared pergola which ran around the

four sides of the garden. One of the highlights of the water garden is the cascade, which runs through several other parts of the garden.

JANE OWEN

Long live the great British lawn The British lawn is not a recent cutting has to be done with care. The fad, born with the 20th-century advantage of seeding is that there is a seed mixture for every soil type or style of lawn: tough or fine, shady or sunny. There is even one called Lazy

suburb. Turf for lawns was being sold in 13th-century London and in 1260 Albertus Magnus, in one of the first gardening books, was giving advice on how to produce a lawn that was "like a green cloth". Illustrations from the period show workmen levelling bowling greens to a standard that would pass muster today. No wonder we are so deeply attached to our lawns and outraged when a water company suggests that we should concrete them over.

Although the popularity of the lawn has taken a knock or two in recent years — pebbles, flowering meadows or hard surfaces are seen as more labour-saving and unaffected by drought - there is still nothing to touch "grass kept fine and close". It refreshes the eye, frames the flower borders and provides a perfect surface for games, toddlers and al fresco

Considerations such as these led Annabel and Matthew Streets to create a back lawn at their home in Fulham, west London, instead of resorting to maintenance-free paving slabs, a common choice for first-time garden owners who work long hours.

The Streets' small lawn was laid two years ago to replace an area of weeds and moss surrounding a decrepit pear tree. Because it was well into summer before work could begin, laying turf was the only option. Although expensive, turf can be laid at any time, provided it can be watered regularly, and the lawn used

Contractors cleared, fertilised and levelled the ground before top-quality turf was laid and rolled. Luckily there were no hosepipe bans in Fulham that summer, so late evening sprin-

kling was possible. An alternative and much cheaper method is to sow seed, but this must he done in moist conditions in spring or autumn. The newly germinated grass cannot be walked on and

Lawn, which guarantees 50 per cent less mowing. A mixture that includes a deep-rooted rye will cope with drought better than older varieties. Today's family lawn mixtures contain fine leafed, dwarf ryes that are wear-tolerant and quick to establish.

Whether you seed or lay turi, thorough preparation of the ground is essential. Remove large stones and perennial weeds and add a layer of between 20cm (Sin) and 30cm (Lžin) of good quality topsoil, with well-rotted organic material incorporated. With dry springs and summers, the deeper the topsoil and the greater the amount of organic matter the better. You cannot get a good lawn, even with expensive turf, if it is laid over a mixture of builder's rubble and badly drained subsoil.

Aiready the Streets have learnt some useful lessons. After two years mowing, they wish they had chosen a simple rectangular shape that would have been quicker to cut, and they would recommend a strip of brick or stone edging to avoid the chore of trimming.

The grass looks green and luxuriant but dandelions and daisies have appeared, and drought and hosepipe bans seem imminent. They need to do more now than just mow regularly. but fortunately for them lawn care is big business.

Scientists are constantly working to make the creation of a velvet lawn easy and inevitable. No more pounding, scything or pouring boiling water over recalcitrant dandelions. There are rollers and aerators, mowers and scarifiers and a host of chemicals to make it easier to achieve the perfect sward. At the same time, the plethora of products is bewildering. There are many products to get rid of weeds and moss and the most widely available brands are effective.



Matthew and Annabel Streets decided a lawn was a must and laid turf

For gardeners like the Streets who have little time, Levington Gold Evergreen 4-in-1 Lawn Treatment contains weed and moss-killer plus quick and slow-release fertilisers. One application works all year. If there is time, perennial weeds such as dandelions, daisies and plantains can be dug out by hand, while annual weeds and coarse grasses are controlled by regular mowing.

f the season is dry, leave the grass fairly long, and cut little and often. Clippings can be left on the lawn as a mulch.

The Streets are lucky. Their lawn is sufficiently established for the turfs to have knitted and rooted into the topsoil, but not old enough to have used up all the nutrients, or for the soil to have become impacted.

Older lawns need regular feeding, annual spiking to allow air to the roots and raking to remove moss and other debris, and can be dramatically improved by adopting the practice of professional greenkeepers and groundsmen who regularly overseed" their turf. Lawn restoration packs containing seed and fertiliser are widely available and are useful for repairing small bare

First, the lawn should be scarified, using a mechanical scarifier or a spring-tined rake, debris removed and hare soil roughed up. Scatter the seed, rake the area again and then roll or tread the seed in lightly. If a long showery period is forecast, you can overseed through the summer until mid-October. If the weather remains dry, the overseeded area will

need watering daily. Grass that has suffered nearly always revives with the first rains, but that does not solve the problem of the summer-long brown lawn that looks like an African savannah. There is an answer: the enzyme that destroys chlorophyll in grasses and causes them to become brown has been identified and a new "green" gene patented.

By the Millennium, grass which remains green regardless of weather conditions, should be commercially available. Do not dig up the lawn yet.

 British Seed Houses lawn seed is available from garden centres and includes mintures for luxury, family, lazy, shaded and meadow lawns, Loven resporer

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The key to designing a computer garden

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Stephen Anderton, with the help of design students, tries out an on-screen way to plan a garden

ave you ever fancied getting out a drawing pad and pencil and re-designing your garden from scratch? You'll need lots of paper and a good imagination. But, better still, you can use a computer. There are CD packages around now for the amateur gardener with a home PC which will show how the garden you design will look on a plan, from a window, and even looking down as if from a helicopter.

I took half a dozen copies of 3D Garden Designer 3 to Writtle College at Chelmsford. Essex, to see what the landscape and garden design students would make of it. Their brief was to produce a small garden around a modern house on an irregular

Getting started was easy enough. The package runs from a CD and the instructions, such as there are, come in a small booklet inside the CD case. The idea is that the process of working with the CD should be obvious, and it is to anyone at all used to simple computer graphics.

Instead of typing words on to a screen, you put on shapes and plants. There are handles" to each shape, which allows you to move it, rotate it, alter the size, colour or texture.

The difference between such 3D amateur packages and professional garden design packages can be considerable: professional CAD packages (Computer Aided Design) present a blank screen on which you can accurately draw all kinds of complex 2D plans, and print them out to scale as working drawings. These packages start at about £90 and can cost many times as much.

The 3D Garden Designer 3 is an object-based package which allows you to arrange specific plants and buildings and paths on the screen, adjust them to your specification, and "tour" the result in 3D.

With this package, you can watch your "garden" flower and change colour through the passing seasons, or watch it grow through the years — even see where the shadows fall through the day. It even has sound effects and for £29.99 it's pretty amazine.

The six Writtle students who tried it were familiar with professional packages. They found the amateur one was easy enough to use, though they were faster at getting going than many people would be. As a techno-novice, I found it all perfectly understandable, and rather fun.

If there was a reservation, it was that the degree to which you could set out the



Landscape and garden design students at Writtle College, Chelmsford, Essex, try out the 3D Garden Designer 3 computer package

A GARDEN AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON

THE CD-Rom 3D Garden Designer 3 is available through high-street computer and electrical outlets, also by mail order from the manufacturer, Europress, of Europe House, Adlington Park, Macclesfield SKI0 4NP, for £29.99, plus £2.95 p&p.

System requirements: Minimum -PC486 DX4, 100, 8Mb Ram, SVGA, double-speed CD-Rom drive, 16Mb Ram, SVGA, quad speed CD-Rom drive, SoundBlaster compatible sound card, Windows 95.

colours and scents and textures, and the gamut of physical variables thrown up by climate and disease and time. The CD's printed results look professional and persuasive to a degree way beyond the horticultural substance of the package. It would still need a good gardener to refine a design from this package, and to make a good garden from it.

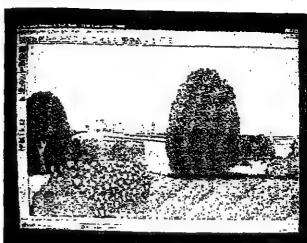
However, on screen the package offers a great opportunity to look at ideas for the basic spaces of a garden, to see how they feel, and how you might wish to colour SoundBlaster compatible sound card. Windows 95. Recommended: PC P100,

them in through the detailed planting. The man who would have really appreciated such a package, if it was better at curves, is Humphrey Repton, who followed Capability Brown as Britain's leading landscape designer at the end of the 18th century. His practice, when consulted on an improvement, was to draw up a Red Book for the garden, with before and after overlay paintings of his proposals for the garden, and an obsequious accompanying text.

But the designers of that day left much



A computer-planned new garden as "seen from the air"



The graphics pack offers trees and plants of every kind

of the planting detail, the flowers and shrubs, to the gardener. Theirs was the vision only. And that is just where this package is useful: in looking at spaces and shapes and possibilities. A keen novice gardener would find it an entertaining way in to designing and planting his first garden, but an experienced gardener would find it useful only for playing with spaces and ideas. No way could you plan a subtle border colour scheme with this.

The package, in fact, features "a popular auto-designer" which claims to fill spaces with suitable plants but, like cheap wallpaper, it is pretty horrid. Still, for less than £30 it's not bad.

To me, who played his first computer game the same week, it seemed like fun. Not quite gardening, but fun; a game. It might be more fun if, having set up your virtual garden, you could then play "Chatterley" on the joystick, with Mellors roaring after Lady C through the shrubberies, or "Mollusc", perhaps, in which Mellors has to zap the terrible 40ft slug before it zaps him. Gardening might never be the same again.

TECHNO GARDENING For computer

gninwo Plant Finder Reference Library available on CD-Rom from the Plant Finder, FREEPOST, Lewes BN7 2ZZ at £25 It represents excellent value because the disk includes 12 databases, including The Plant Finder, Fruit and Veg Finder, Seed Search, Plant Photo Finder, National Trust and National Trust for Scotland Properties and Gardens Dictionary of Common Names, and Internet Directory

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basic layout of the garden was limited. Slopes were crude, sizes not easy to pre-

arrange, and there was little detail available in the hard landscaping.

On the other hand, as designers and not

ardeners, the students found the data-

base of 1,500 plants extremely useful. This

covers a wide range of plants, with

photographs, and basic information on

their habits and needs. It will select a

palette of plants suitable for your soil and

climate, when pH, winter minimum temperatures, and latitude and longitude

are typed in. It will even give you a brief

the garden, with a grid, and planting

locations for all the chosen plants. It will

print out, in colour, as many views of the

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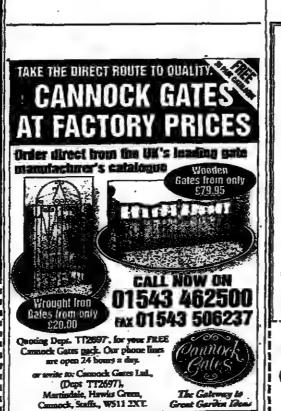
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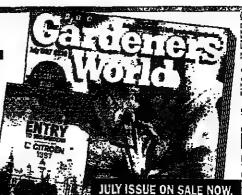
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It pays to know your allies in the war in the garden. Wise

gardeners provide a welcoming habitat for beneficial insects

pot something nasty in your woodpile or, worse, on your artichokes, and your instinct may be to reach for the spray gun. But wait. Don't reach for your spray gun until you know what you're firing at. (And if you want to avoid the indiscriminate danger that even organic pesticides can cause, don't spray even then.)

This insect could be a ladybird in its larval form, when it looks very different to the lovable little beetle. the gardener's friend, that feasts on aphids. The larva has a tapering. segmented, blue-grey body and black and yellow markings

Ladybird larvae look like small reptiles," says Susan Maguire. chairman of the Chichester Organic Gardening Society. They're lovely - they swarm over my artichokes and runner beans, eating all the blackfly." Mrs Maguire is one of 21.500 members of the Henry Doubleday Research Association (HDRA), a vital source of information and encouragement for any gardener wanting to work with beneficial insects. The HDRA runs organic gardens in Kent and Warwickshire, holds workshops, publishes books and leaflets, and, through its Organic Gardening Catalogue, sells plants to attract insects, biological controls such as predatory midges to control greenfly and blackfly in the greenhouse, parasitic wasps to attack whitefly, predatory mites to feed on the red spider mite and nematode worms

to kill slugs. With the HDRA's book, Pests: How to Control Them on Fruit and Vegetables, you will be better able to identify larval and pupal lady-birds. But the best way to spot another misunderstood and highly beneficial insect - the hoverfly, in all its 100 British species — is by its distinctive flying style. Val Porter, author of the RSPCA Guide to Garden Wildlife, says: "They dart away every now and then but quickly return to their beat, maintaining the same position like a helicopter over a shipwreck."

Continually swatted at for its resemblance to wasps, the stingless hoverfly is harmless to humans, but Attila the Hun to greenfly: one

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Careful: Susan MacGuire

hoverfly larva can eat 50 of them a day. We have hundreds of hoverflies and lacewings in our garden, the thing is not to be too tidy," says Mrs Maguire, echoing the official Henry Doubleday advice to those working with insects. Insect-minded gardeners are en-couraged to leave dead leaves and hollow dead stems undisturbed for hibernating ladybirds; to ensure there are stones lying about to accommodate spiders; and to keep

a woodpile to attract hoverflies and scores of other invertebrates.

"I've let wild plants grow in my regetable garden because they attract beneficial insects and Tve created great piles of decaying wood, says Mrs Magaine. "kiet the early nettles come in so the lad birds have something to feed on: And we have a drystone wall for beetles. I never discourage spiders as their webs calch insects which can do damage in greenhouses."

Mrs Maguire, a former ballet dancer, and her husband Peter, a retired civil engineer, have an acre of garden near Chichester, in West Sussex, which they have created on the site of a former dog kennels. She says: There was virtually nothing here at all, just grass and a lot of concrete. Someone told me it would take seven years, but in the sixth the garden exploded with insects. I suppose I'd got the balance right by then. It's a mixed garden - fruit, vegetables and flowers. There is also a tennis lawn and we've planted a small wood.

We learn to live with the odd pest. Three years ago, wasps attacked the fruit so I just hung up jam jars with jam and water inside. and that was sufficient, though I

Sometimes following the "untipath can attract unwanted



ougs, as Derek Sawyers, a member of Horsham Organic Gardeners, also in West Sussex, discovered. The woodlouse is one insect attracted by his heaps of dead wood. "And although they recycle rotting matealso chew cucumbers.

making them unsightly but still edible. But there's often a natural answer to such problems, and I find frogs clear up the woodlice. Slugs are not a battle either. I go out in March, as it begins to get warm, and just pick them up for a

few days. If you're organic and have got a lot of decaying matter, they should prefer that to your green vegetables. And ground beetles seem to get the slugs I miss." .

SUE CORBETT



them, the HRDA recommends cutting off the base of a two-litre lemonade bottle. pushing a roll of corrugated cardboard. inside and attaching it, open and .

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2. Centipedes prey on slugs. Attract them by mulches and leaving some areas of untidiness in the garden.



3. Ground beetles and rove beetles prey on siugs, root aphids and root fly larvae and eggs. Attract them with asters, buckwheat, buttercups, candytuft, Convolvulus tricolor, dill. fennel, hyssop. Limnanthes douglasii (posched egg plant), nettles, rudbeckia.

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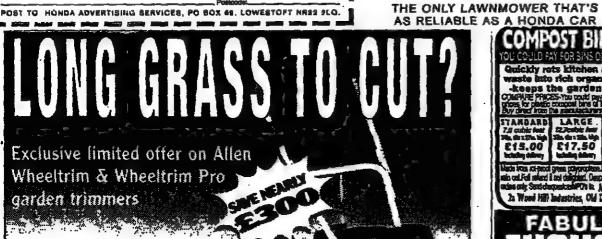
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up by The Vineyard, a completely unexpected property sitting in nearly an acre of garden in Fulham. Owned since 1918 by the Beaverbrook family, formerly owners of * Henry Doubledge the Express newspaper, it has a Board Assaulant fly rural air despite being only a few miles from the city centre. Built in 1680 as a small farm-house, the house was extended in the 18th century when the Georgian façade and veranda were added and again in 1920, after Lord Beaverbrook bought it. He added

additional bathroom at the rear of the house. Kirsty Smallwood, Lord Beaver-brook's granddaughter, inherited the house from her great aunt in 1970. She indicates where much of the 17th-century detail remains. All Museum Cropped II Road the panelling is original and the drawing room, to the right of the front door, has remained un-

changed. This room, the book-lined hall and a room the family call the study constituted the original farmhouse. Even the farm pigsties have survived the centuries in good order and are now usefully employed housing the deep freeze and a number of bicycles. A large Aga dominates the kitchen, contributing to the sen-

arches supporting a terrace and

sation that one is not in London at all, that this old farmhouse is buried in the deepest countryside. Next to the kitchen is a shower room. The large modern-looking walk-in shower is actually Edwardian and not only sprays from the shower head but also from pipes at The study, the main room on this

floor, was once a barn. It doubles as a dining room and Mrs Smallwood has seated 24 people in here. Lord Beaverbrook also used it as a cinema. After dinner he would reveal a screen behind a curtain and one of his staff would change the reels from the next door room - now a

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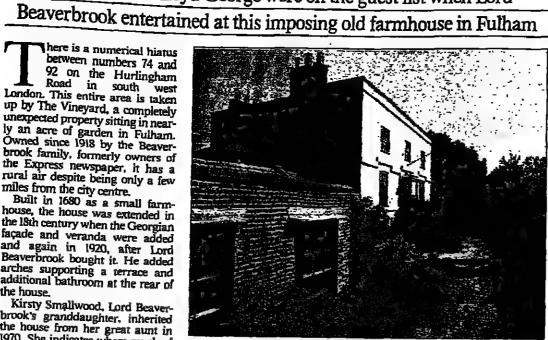
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Kirsty Smallwood at the rear of The Vineyard

HOUSE OF THE VIEW

● The Vineyard, Hurlingham Road, London SW6 ● Price: £6 million with Aylesford (0171-351 2383) • Advantages: Security and privacy. The house is surrounded by a high brick wall affording both Disadvantages: The price is steep but the plot is substantial Shopping: Mrs Smailwood recommends Kings delicatessen and Sainsbury's in Persons Green • Transport: Two Tube stations within walking distance Do: Join the nearby Hudingham Club for tennis and swimming **avoid**: The White

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working fireplace. Decorated in a dressing room. Deep drawers restrul blue and white, the windows either look onto the garden or, on the other side, onto the Hurlingham Club bowling green. impressive collection of shoes. The en suite bathroom has a huge 1920's bath, the sort you can float in without touching the sides. The

have been installed by Mrs Smallwood's architect husband, Christopher, to accommodate her There are four more bedrooms on the second floor, one obviously still inhabited by Mrs Smallwood's lodging a limpet. An odd feature of daughter, Eleanor, who is at boardone of the spare rooms on this floor

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marches half way around the top of the wall and then stops. "We got bored stencilling them," she confesses. Next door is a child's bedroom measuring just 12ft by 5ft. Winkling a child out of bed in this tiny room is apparently like dis-

is a raised platform under the

window. "It was the top of the lift shaft which was installed for my great aunt and which we had dismantled when we took on the house," says the owner.

She readily admits that her illustrious grandfather never lived in the house. He used it for entertaining. "He had houses in Piccadilly and Surrey and this was

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about equidistant between them. Because the house is so secluded he could entertain privately here and no one saw who was coming and going." The guest list included Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Winston Churchill.

The Vineyard, built in 1680 as a farmhouse, has a rural air despite its location in west London. Below, the hall is a good place to relax

Mrs Smallwood is no slouch in the entertaining department herself. She considers her finest hour to have been a party in aid of Indian famine relief in 1990. Snake charmers, fire eaters and Indian dancers cavorted in the garden with 500 guests.

amily weddings are a doddle. The marquee goes up on one of the lawns, leaving the rest of the garden for guests to walk around. The garden is extraordinary compared to the average pocket handkerchief size you find in this part of London but its flourishing magnificence is due to the current owners' efforts. Lord Beaverbrook obviously only liked lawn because the whole garden consisted of grass. There was not a single flower. Mrs Smallwood says.

She had trees planted and a series of different areas have been created over the years which are connected at the west end by a woodland walk filled with wild flowers. This leads to a more formal area with a brick path with old fashioned borders which divide the three lawns.

At the front a long paved garden runs across the length of the house and has borders brimming with lavender, jasmine and wisteria. The gardener who looks after this rus in urbe lives in the cottage on the property and spends two days a week on its maintainance.

The family is moving to the country. Normally the daughter of the house would start urging her parents to buy her a pony. This family is different. They intend to keep — and ride — camels.

Leaving this peaceful setting came as a jolt. I found myself on the pavement and realised that I was only two minutes walk from Parsons Green Tube station.

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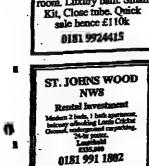
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Spend a little more (£575,000) north of the border in rural Ayrshire, and you could afford Monkcastle, a secluded residential estate in 122 acres of parkland and woodland, with a nine-bedroom Georgian mansion, half an hour from Glasgow airport. There is also a two-bedroom lodge house, estate office and a range of modern buildings. (Cluttons, 01292 268181).



For about the same amount you could consider this modern three-bedroom maws house in a sunny courtyard at Tarrent Place, Crawford Street, in London's west end, (John D Wood, 0171-408 0055 and Eserton 0171-493 0676).

Enticed by the dolce vita

he British are rushing to buy homes in Italy again, thanks to the strength of the pound against the Italian lira which has kept prices low for British buyers. The domestic Italian market remains in the doldrums, so there are lots of properties and scope for investment. Properties on the Italian Riviera and around the famous lakes of Como and Garda are attracting renewed interest, as well as in the more familiar English stamping ground of Tuscany and rural Umbria, the "green heart" of Italy.

Steve Enument of the specialist estate agent Brian A French &

Associates, says the property market in central Italy is particularly active. "Low prices and a strong pound mean British people can get more house for their money here, and the weather is warmer. Around half our clients are looking to settle permanently in Italy," he says.

The Chiantishire image of Tuscany

and Umbria as an extension of Glouestershire with grapes, has ensured a steady flow of wealthy Brits armed with power drills and boundless enthusiasm, willing to restore rustic stone ruins. However, the stock of ancient buildings in the region has not completely evaporated. Abandoned farmhouses, medieval cottages and even the occasional castle can still be found among the

vineyards and terraced olive groves.
Property values in Tuscany and
Umbria rose steeply in the late 1980s,
but have since remained static. Now they are starting to edge upwards as increased demand puts pressure on supply. Prices vary, but generally the closer to Florence or Siena, the more

expensive the property.

Expect to pay £250,000 for a habitable five-bedroom farmhouse amid olive terraces near Cortona, south of Florence, a beautiful Renais-sance hill town. A similar house in its raw state might fetch £100,000 and cost another £80,000 to restore.

Rock bottom on the price chart in central Tuscany on the books of Brian A. French & Associates is a small apartment in a restored Renaissance building for £38,000. It is situated in the historic hill town of Sinalunga, with views over medieval rooftops and vine-clad hills. Close to Siena, a large unrestored stone

Britons are being lured back to

Italy and are buying up old

houses for renovation



Farmhouses medieval cottages and even castles can be found among the terraced olive groves

IN SEARCH OF A ROMAN RUIN

RESTORATION costs in Haly are high, but many of the deselict old village houses have masses of character and potential. Renovation work must be approved in advance by the local authority and must also be carefully designed so as to blend in with the traditional

Water and electricity are potential problems since not all rustic Italian properties have them. The nearest source of supply could be several miles and lots of cash away so it is important to check at the outset that they are readily available.

When buying property in Italy, as elsewhere, it is important to engage a lawyer to protect. your interests. It is common for homes to be jointly owned by

farmhouse in 40 acres can be yours

town of Lucca and in the Garfagnana, one of the wildest parts of Tusc-

any, where you can buy a small reno-

vated farmhouse near skiing in the

Apennines for £80,000. The most at-

tractive buys are in the steep hills and

river valleys about 20 miles north of

Lucca, around the old spa town of

Bagni di Lucca. There are plenty of

stone cottages, farm buildings and

townhouses in the surrounding medi-

Prices slip to the north of the walled

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several members of a family, and not possible for them to be sold without the consent of all concerned. Your solicitor should also ensure there are no

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Prices start at £12,000 for a habitable one-bedroom flat, forming part of a Tuscan townhouse, on the

steep liagged streets of Cocciglia, near Bagni di Lucta. A derelict

farmhouse, approached by a narrow

track that winds up a mountainside,

can be picked up for £16,000. But you

would need to spend another £60,000

to make it habitable. Moving

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operty, is 10 per cent of the registered value on buildings and 17 per cent on land. Those seeking permanent residence in Italy pay only 4 per cent transfer tax.

ALTERNATIVELY, if you are buying a new home, Italian VAT (IVA) is payable at 9 per cent of value. Solicitor's fees are charged on a sliding scale from 1 to 3 per cent (the cheaper the property the higher the fee).

If you sell your property within the first five years and are not resident in Italy, you will be liable for capital gains tax on profits, charged between 10 and 40 per cent. An annual tax — ICI - is payable on buildings at around 0.4 per cent to 0.6 per cent of value.

restored 15th-century, six-bedroom former monastery, with a guest wing and staff-flat, in 72 acres of terraced formal gardens, fruit trees and vines, near Florence, is on offer at £925.000

through Knight Frank.

Those seeking large Tuscan country houses might consider the Val D'Orcia, the wine-growing area around Grosseto, famous for its red wines. A restored 12-room 18thcentury villa, with a swimming pool and vineyard on five acres, is available here for £350,000. In Umbria, a

centuries old four-storey pink stucco house with shuttered windows in the historic centre of Perugia, a city full of architectural gems, can be yours for £114,000 through Brian A. French & Associates.

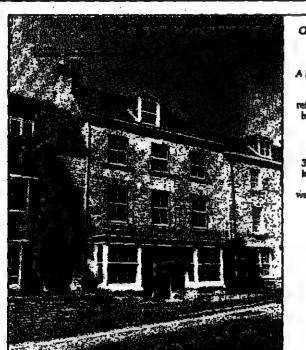
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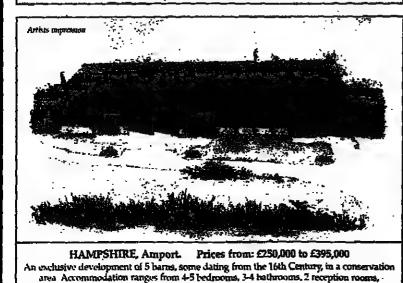
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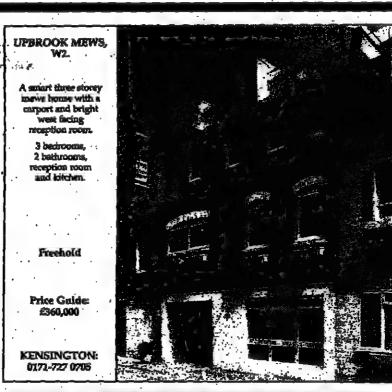
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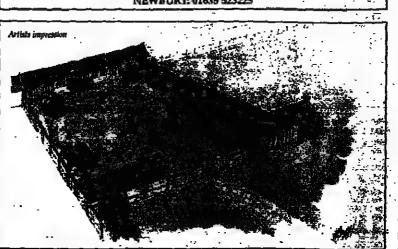


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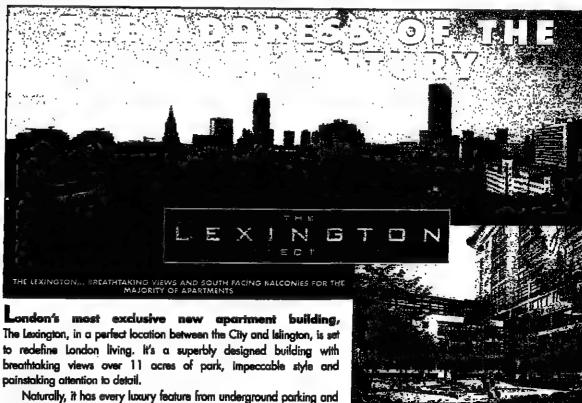
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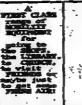
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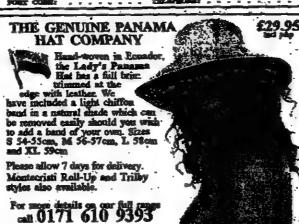
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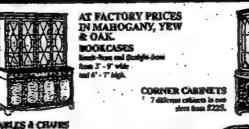
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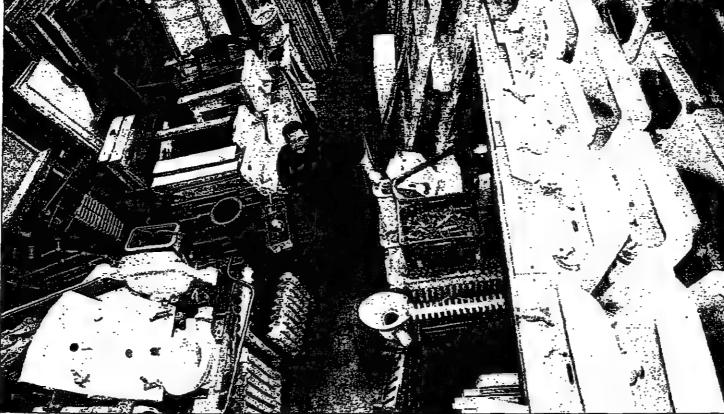
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Architectural salvage is becoming increasingly popular as a source of quality furniture and fittings that are hard to find or would cost a fortune elsewhere. Barry Speed and Rod Philpin

established the Architectural Salvage Centre in North London seven years ago. Barry says: "In the early 1980s Rod and I worked in the demolition trade. We used to chuck out marble fireplaces, rolltop baths and cast iron radiators, then burn solid old doors and quality wood flooring. It was an environmental nightmare. About ten years ago more people became interested in restoring period features in their homes and we realised there was a market for the furniture and fittings we were ripping out. Now we pay to pull out the radiators, doors and floors they used to give us money to take away."

Barry has plenty of regular customers, including many architects and interior designers. Apart from doors, radiators and sinks he sells a wide range of unusual artefacts and receives many strange requests. He says: "We have sold oak and teak laboratory units for use as kitchen work benches, glass bricks for shower cubicles and a red telephone box for use as a fish tank. A fishmonger recently bought an old mortuary slab which he felt was the ideal worktop for displaying his oysters."

Some salvage yards specialise in products ranging from antique lighting to kitchenalia. If you are after a particular item or want details of salvage yards in your area contact Salvo. This company produces Salvo packs — regional guides to good salvage yards with information on their products. Nearly all salvage stores stock a



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Barry Speed at his architectural salvage yard in north London. "There is a huge market for the furniture and fittings we rip out"

flaking paint it is possible to buy stylish and affordable fittings. A word of warning, however.

Nearly everything for sale in a salvage yard is much heavier than it looks. Decide where you want radiators and baths to be placed when they are delivered as they are hard to shift. Though Barry insists he has muscles of steel and this is essential in his trade, even he has had his problems. "On one occasion I was delivering a Royal Mail red letterbox and it weighed a ton," he says. "The customer assured me there would be people around to help get it into the house, but they had all disappeared when I arrived. In the end we left the mail box in the front garden and I saw it there six months later. Finally the owner had to tip it on its side because people had started posting

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COLUMN RADIATORS Most people will remember col-umn radiators from school or hospital visits Joyce Blake writes. In these settings they may have looked fairly utilitarian, but if they are repainted they can become a striking feature in a modern or period property.

Salvaged column radiators that have been sandblasted will range in price from £100-£200. This is about the same cost as a modern white panel radiator. Column radiators can be plumbed into a central heating system as simply as modern ones. If your plumber raises objections it is worth getting a second opinion. He may not be familiar with traditional radiators or cannot be bothered to handle them because they are extremely heavy.

It is possible to have radiators re tested for leaks at a cost of £10-£30 per radiator.

remove the old paint, Nearly all salvage yards offer this service. OPENING NEW DOORS Most salvage yards will strip and Once the radiators are stripped, wax doors. If you want to open there are several options for up two rooms and would like paint or varnish finishes. The dividing doors, find the doors radiators could simply have a before you make the hole. coat of clear lacquer and will There are often ornate, good then be the colour of gun metal this finish is a good option for old

quality dividing doors to be found at salvage yards but it is much easier to find the perfect doors if they don't need to be an exact size. Nowadays, a lot of salvage comes from closed down hospitals and institutions and the doors are far more substantial than most new ones. For customers who are wor-

ried about security Mr Speed recommends the doors taken from psychiatric institutions. They are not particularly attractive but are made of pitch pine with solid reinforced glass and are virtually indestructible.

Salvage yards are also good places to buy old brass door handles and locks which cost little more than you would pay for new, thinner brass ones.

PROPERTY PROFILE: SHROPSHIRE -

A weekly look at the property market around Britain

Attractions: Shropshire is Housman country. Agents wax lyrical about the unspoilt countryside in the property hotspots of the Church Stretton, Wenlock, Bridgnorth triangle. Wenlock Edge and Long Mynd lure intrepid walkers: the splendid bridge across the Severn at Ironbridge draws crowds.

Also appealing is the county town, Shrewsbury, and Ludlow to the south, with its lith-century castle which doubles as an open-air theatre during the summer Ludlow Festival. Good links to the M6 for Manchester and Birmingham and beyond, via the M54.

The market: Guy Bielby of Halls reckons prices have risen by 5 to 7 per cent this year, with shortages across the board. The market is warm rather than hot, according to Tim Jessop of Knight Frank, who cleared out his stock of houses at the beginning of the year and reckons there are three buyers for every prime property. There were signs of recovery last spring after prices fell between 20 and 30 per cent during the recession, says agent Cooper Green,

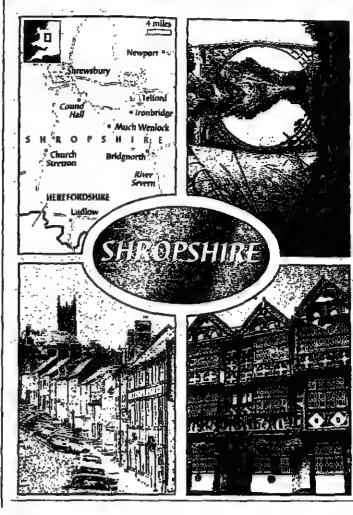
Expect to pay: Between £200,000 and £250,000 for a period fourbedroom farmhouse, according to Mr Bielby, or £250,000 to £350,000 if it has a large acreage; mediumsized country houses are going for £150,000 to £250,000 with particu-

lar shortages around Shrewsbury. A three bedroom cottage can still be picked up for £70,000, but can go for up to £150,000. Second home owners are firmly back in the market with strong demand from along the Weish borders.

Major sales: Grade I listed Cound Hall was the catch of the season last year. Six miles east of Shrewsbury, the Queen Anne house, reckoned to be one of the finest in the county, sold for close to the E775,000 guide price, despite needing complete restoration.

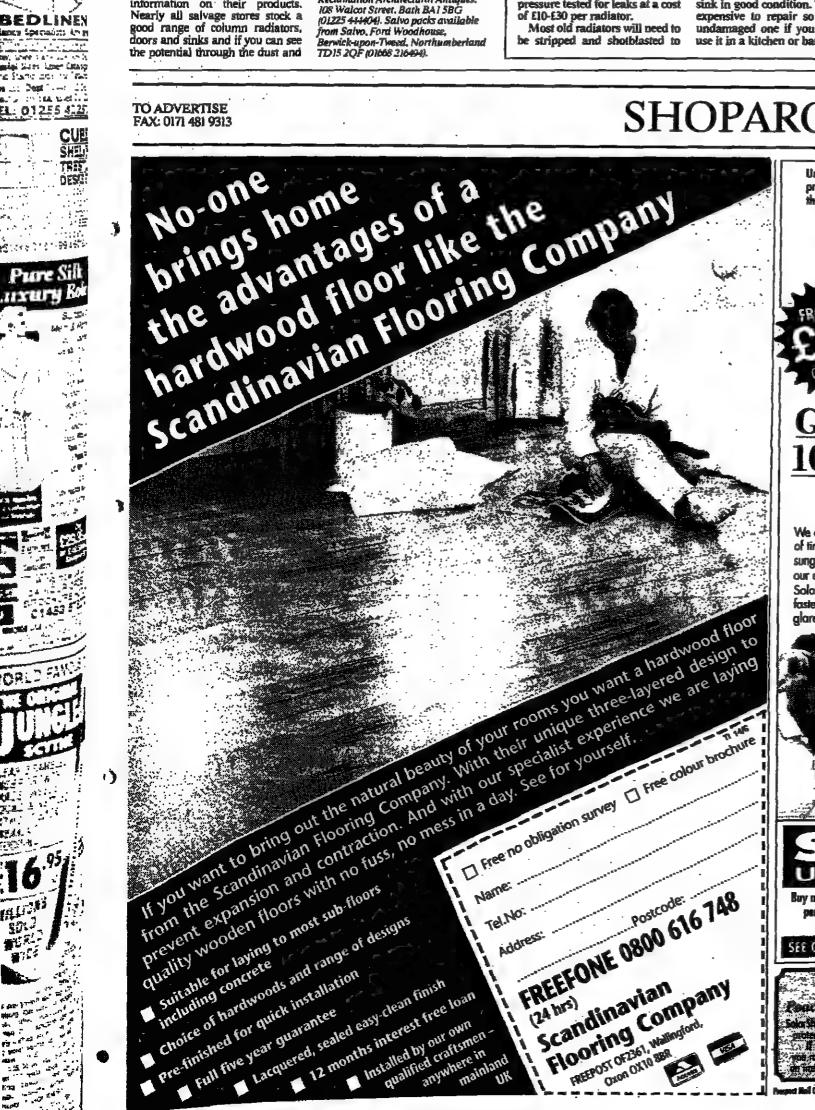
through Knight Frank Outlook: Agents are cautiously optimistic. Good but not crazy is Mr Jessop's prediction, with a healthy outlook for buyers and sellers. Daphne Cadogan of Stacks Relocation reckons prices will con-tinue to climb slowly and steadily and demand will exceed supply.

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Echoes of forgotten English

Tom Rhodes hears the authentic sound

of Shakespeare on an American island

t is a quiet Saturday afternoon on Ocracoke Island, off the coast of North Carolina, but the rowdy banter inside James Barrie Gaskill's fishing shanty is worthy of Falstaff's favourite tavern in Eastcheap. James Wynn is playing ballads on his guitar. Don Woods is thumbing the gutbucket, his makeshift double bass. And the other four men, numerous bottles of whisky already sunk, are shouting at each

other in the native brogue,
I tell you of buck, in twenty years toime, the diffrence Il be the old place il be run by rich uns and we'll be out," says James Barrie, his weatherbeaten face and drooping moustache almost a parody of the pirates who inhabited this stretch of coast in the early 18th century.

The dialect he uses, spattered with an arcane vocabulary heard nowhere else, is the closest surviving language to Elizabethan English. And if James Barrie cuts a Falstaffian figure, the others would easily pass for Pistol, Shallow and Bardolph, a happy band of rogues who drink regularly and play poker into the early hours. Seemingly untainted by the social mores of feminist America, they talk of wenching and dismiss their wives

from such gatherings. But the sentiment described by James Barrie is one felt by all. Mustly in their fifties or older, they belong to a dwindling clan of 300 ancestral O'cockers able to trace their heritage back to the communi-ty's foundation in 1715. More importantly, they are the very few who can still speak the dialect.

Salvation for the isolated island's

heritage now rests with a group of researchers from North Carolina State University at Raleigh who have launched a campaign to save the Ocracoke dialect. Walt Wolfram, an English professor, and Natalie Schilling Estes, a doctor of linguistics, have tracked the language from its roots in Middle and Elizabethan English, through the influences of the earliest loth and 17th-century British settlers in Virginia and Principles and Pri ginia and Pennsylvania to today. Their book, Hoi Toide on the

Outer Banks, is a labour of love, a dictionary of the brogue and an enlightening explanation of the evolution of language. Hours of interviews with the island's elders have produced an extraordinary lexicon, ranging from the still regular term "mommuck" (to harrass or bother) which appears in Shakespeare's Coriolanus, to pizer" (a porch), borrowed from the Italian piaza, and "dingbatter" (outsider), a phrase apparently derived from the 1970s American sit-com All in the Family, which demonstrates how television has influenced the language.

During five years of research. Wolfram and Schilling-Estes invited Peter Trudgill, the prominent British dialectologist, to sample the speech of the islanders. He took a series of tapes back to England and played them to a group of 15 ran-domly selected people in Essex. The listeners were unanimous in identifying England as the origin of the Ocracoke speaker; more specifically, almost all recognised the regionaccent of the West Country. although two suggested East Anglia and one Derbyshire.

"In American terms this dialect is very exciting," says Trudgill. "In Britain you can travel 20 miles and hear a different dialect. On the America East coast you can go 150 miles and not notice any difference. The islanders have been told they should be ashamed by it. That it is wrong, inadmissible, and assumes that standard English is the thing,

So why, in the face of modern life, should the locals be encouraged to preserve their archaic way of speaking? "The people want to be able to speak and write in the standard form because they have to go off the island. But it's a cultural treasure. It needs to be a living treasure and not a museum piece. I have a love of diversity and this dialect adds to our linguistic

Until the 1950s, the distinct



language had remained largely intact. The island's inhabitants rarely visited mainland America, and few tourists made the journey by boat to a fishing community that boasted scant housing and only dirt roads. The brogue acted as a unifying force for locals and a. deterrent for outsiders unable to understand such quaint archaisms as "fladget" (a piece of something), "begombed" (to be soiled or smeared), "airish" (a stiff breeze), or

> ithin decades, how-ever. Ocracoke has attracted ever greater numbers of visitors to its sandy beaches, deep sea fishing and historical ties to piracy; Edward Teach, the notorious Blackbeard, died in the Battle of Ocracoke Inlet. Young islanders long ago recognised that the finan

cial rewards of tourism far out-stripped the benefits of a special language and culture. Only a handful have taken any interest in the brogue, and most are irritated when curious visitors command them to speak Elizabethan.

The language has been badly swamped - by tourists and by people coming in from outside. imagine it's doomed in the next 20 years," says Trudgill.

Wolfram, who initially studied language to become a missionary now sees himself as the dialect's saviour. He lectures young islanders at the Ocracoke school and the small cottage museum near the harbour displays his research as its mainstay. But the academics admit they are fighting an uphili battle and expect the language will be all but tinct within one generation.
There is a lot of intermatriage off

make a living from visitors," says Wolfram, "It's one of those double edged swords; the O'cockers could not live on the island without the tourists and yet the very same tourists have destroyed their historical heritage."

The efficient terry system has increased access to the mainland to such an extent that most young islanders now seek entertainment further afield. Even Larry Thompson, headmaster of the school, is expected to attend staff meetings two hours away across the Pamilico Sound. David Esham, owner of a local motel and a resolute brogue speaker, remembers a time when the island had the only mounted scout troop in the United States. Rex O'Neal, a carpenter and fisherman, recalls when locally brewed commeal wine in five-gallon flag-ons was the only alcohol available



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"I'm not saying it's changed for the worse, but it was more peaceful in the old days." says Rex, the first of his 11 siblings to be born off the island. It was a time when everybody helped their neighbours with anything they needed. A lot of that's left us now." The names of his ancestors and of Williams, Howard, Willis and Gaskins, litter the local cemetery. Many probably died in the turbulent waters known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic; a small neighbouring plot contains four British seamen whose ship, HMS Bedfordshire, was torpedoed

by a German U-boat in 1942. The annual hoisting of a Union Jack above their graves attracts a wide audience of islanders - but the fluttering flag donated by Plymouth, England, merely serves as the most strident reminder of Ocracoke's fading links to its true British past.

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Christian Dymond on the amazing survival of donkey twins

our months ago the chances of donkey twins.
Tim and Audrey ever chasing each other around the field or cuddling up at night together were practically zero. Audrey would have sur-

vived but Tim came into the world 36 hours after his sister. tion but he was given virtually no chance of living. Donkeys born as twins are extremely rare, those which survive are rarer still.

They are rare, like horse twins, because the uterus of a mare is only designed to carry one foetus to full term. If twins are conceived, it is common that one or even both will abort naturally.

The story of Tim and Audrey began on February 11

What has eight legs and two nationalities?

Whilton, who runs a nursery and market garden business with her parents in Wales. found that her 14-year-old donkey. Diane, had given birth to a foal. "I didn't think that Diane was feeding the youngster properly so a day later we called in our vet who discovered that there was another foal inside," says Miss Whilton.

Mr Spence also saw that Diane had sustained ruptures

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while giving birth, which meant that she would not be unable to deliver the second foal without help.

Within an hour of diagnosis, Diane and the foal were taken from their Welsh home to the Philip Leverhulme Large Animal Hospital at Leahurst on Wirral, part of Liverpool University's Faculty of Veterinary Science, which deals with 1,600 cases a year, 98 per cent of them horses.

"I followed the horse box in the car and at the time i thought it would be a case of an operation to deliver a dead foal. I was very concerned and hoped that Diane would get over it as quickly as possible." says Miss Whilton.

There, the donkey was examined by Dr Chris Proudman, a lecturer in equine soft tissue surgery. Diane was then anaesthetised and for half an hour Dr Proudman tried to deliver the foal normally. When it became apparent that no progress was being made, he decided to deliver the animal by Caesarean section. At this stage he and his team were working on the assump-

since no movement had been detected while he was in his mother's uterus.

But it was important for the survival of Diane that the foal was taken out as quickly as "With the help of a couple of

veterinary students the foal was delivered. It was then that we saw some signs of life, a little stirring in the legs and some weak respiratory movement," says Dr Proudman.

It was imperative to clear the foal's airways of uterine fluid and, as its lungs were collapsed, start giving it oxygen by rubber tube through the nose. Tim was "intubated" for the first eight hours of his life and given a four-pint plasma transfusion, derived from his father's and brother's

The first 48 hours were crucial. Vet Cathy Walsh organised intensive care lasting a week - in Tim's padded room. He was encouraged to suckle from a bottle and to stand on his own. Tim had been deprived of his mother's milk, which during the first 24 hours after birth

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Rosemary Whilton with her father George and Tim and Audrey, now four months old

contains large quantities of antibodies. So the hospital fed him colosmum instead — milk high in antibodies.

iss Whilton says: "I was shocked when I 🚣 first saw Tim. although looking at him now you wouldn't think he'd been such a sick donkey but the vet and all the hospital staff have Four days after his birth, Tim was suckling and standing. "I didn't expect him to survive but they did a wonderful job in intensive care," says Dr

Proudman. He went home with his mother and sister when he was ten days old, and for the first week or so was buttle fed round the clock with a mare's milk replacer, a special powder mixed with water.

As Audrey will be fed from her mother for the next four months. Tim will have to be bottle fed six pints a day.

The twins are now pretty evenly balanced in size. There is one difference, however. Audrey, having been born at home, is Welsh. Tim, being born at Leahurst, is English. ● Large Animal Hospital. Leuhurst, Nexton, South Wirrol, Lot 71E. Tel: (0151-794 0033).

A VET WRITES

Susie, our labrador puppy, is four months old and she chews everything and anything. I'm told she's teething and will grow out of it. Can I do anything to help her through this period, and will she stop chewing when all her teeth are through?

Dogs rarely grow out of lanything. As time goes on bad habits get worse. Susie has to be taught that chewing must be restricted to her possessions. Give her some things to gnaw at. A large cooked bone, much too big to eat, will keep her occupied for hours. Big, hard dog biscuits perform the same function. When she starts to nibble anything else take it from her and offer the bone or biscuit. She'll soon learn.

Make sure she doesn't get over-possessive about her bones or toys - take the bone away from time to time to teach her that you are pack boss. She knows she will get it back because her pack boss takes care of her. Teething finishes at six months, but she will still chew when there is nothing else to do. Gnawing at the right object is a good way of passing time and hard biscuits or hide chews are excellent mothbrushes.

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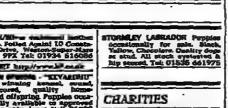
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A VET W

'If you have a weakness for bad behaviour, maybe turning 40 — like the birthday card says — gives you the licence to indulge it'

ast week my husband decided to acknowledge his 40th birthday with a celebration of having got this far, rather than a wake for his added wouth Forty people are hard in the youth. Forty people gathered in the garden to feast on a lamb weighing 40lb. There were no sly nods or winks to the passage of time, other than the usual mock-gloomy messages inscribed in jaunty greetings cards. "Congratulations ... now you can legitimately have a mid-life crisis," read one, with the rueful coda

join the club". It was a lovely clear evening with that atmosphere of sultry expectancy which heralds the coming of a storm. At one end of the garden the air was heavy with jasmine and honeysuckle. At the other end there was the more primeval and faintly troubling sweet stink of burning flesh. The flayed lamb on its homemade spit looked rather too gruesomely like something which had once been alive say. one of Peter Greenaway's victims but it had been turned and cooked to

My husband had commandeered the

Spit-roast therapy for real men services of a didgeridoo player called Bear whom we had first heard, some months ago, at an exhibition of Aborigi-

nal paintings. As he entertained our guests in his inimitably touchy feely way. blowing down his gnarked wooden rube and blocking his gnarked wooden rube. and blasting away at their ya-yas or chakras or whatever they are called, I was wandering down the garden bearing bowls of food when I noticed a tiny pair of feet wiggling delightedly. These, it turned out, belonged to our

youngest son. He was lying beside an American couple who had gatecrashed the party and were just about the only grown-ups who were sufficiently child-like, or trusting, to be massaged by our

Later, I heard Bear inviting my husband and our boys to a kind of Iron-John-in-the-Home-Counties weekend involving "didges" and drumming and ancient father-and-son initiation rites. LIFE AND SOUL Not on your nelly, I

thought; a sentiment tunately shared by my husband. Bear would probably say that if men could only get in touch with their masculinity early on in life, they would not go completely doolally on turning 40. Is there any truth at all

in this, I wonder?

do you know who conform to this mythology? Some men, I suspect, are a mid-life crisis waiting to happen. If you have got a

And, more to the point, how many men

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haviour. maybe turning 40 — like the birthday card says gives you the licence to indulge it. But even in our very widest circle of friends, I can only think of four men who have gone off the rails at the beckoning of the halfway mark. The two bolters - dump-ing the wife and kids for younger women

— seemed as miser-

able as they must occasionally, one presumes, have felt liberated, but not nearly as miserable as their rejected partners. One friend, on turning 40, traded in a safe but boring job to set up his own busi-

ness in Hong Kong. Quite a risky thing to do at the best of times — which this is clearly not - and with a wife and three small children in tow. Another friend is so profoundly in denial about growing older that he has boycotted all our 41th birthday parties - which is a shame because it means we never see him.

My husband, I have to say, is much more sanguine about being 40 than me. He sees it as a useful resting point — halfway through adulthood — rather than a downhill slope. Far from feeling that everything is on the wane, he sees himself as bang in the middle of it all— in the prime of life ... himing the back straight". No more sleepless nights with young babies, no more worries about mortgages and launching a career. He feels that he can pursue his own interests in a quixotic way now, rather than fulfilling an agenda that has been set by

circumstances. Just as well that we are not both suffering from the Weltschmerz. I suppose. But if there is one thing more depressing than no longer being able to call yourself thirty-comething, it is finding that you are married to a fortysomething.

My new old man is never happier than when he is at a party, and he loved his own. No wonder. For once our sons behaved like the angels they usually resemble only when they are asleep. The nine-year-old tinkered away melodiously at the piano until tiredness got the better of him, while his six-year old brother was an indefatigable waiter, searching all night for "the man with the big nose" who had apparently ordered a Scottish beer. But the high point of the night for their father was roasting the lamb. He is still burbling on about the atavistic pleasure of it — the suffusion of joy as you commune at the fireside in the spirit f your forefathers.

Forget Bear and Iron John; my husband has designs on becoming the guru of spit-roast therapy. You never know, it could eatch on.



Three minus one: Jane Sadler with daughters Flo and Charlotte at their farmhouse in Buckinghamshire. "I can't bear the thought of Will taking over things I'm doing now"

ne challenge of

ane Sadler felt a mixture of emotional exhaustion and elation waving husband Will off on his boat 3Com in a force ten gale in Southampton harbour. It was the start of the BT Global Challenge yacht race and she was exhausted by the build-up to his departure and elated at what she saw as the adventure

of living alone for a year. "When I got home the phone rang and it was Will," she recalls. "I was absolutely livid and said, what are you doing ringing me? You've gone! I know it sounds unreasonable. but I'd mentally geared myself

up to cope on my own." The BT Global Challenge race is an extreme example of enforced separation, but many couples have to face living apart, usually through work commitments. For some, the strain of living separate lives can lead to a permanent split: others, like Jane and Will, are weathering the storm.

Dr Dennis Trent, a clinical psychologist, has researched the problems couples face by living separate lives - albeit temporarily. "The big problem is that in a relationship there is

How does a family survive when one of the parents has to go away for a long period because of work?

a symbiotic dependence." he says, "while the longer we're apart, the more we grow independent. As human beings we require extreme emotional intimacy with one person - someone we can expose our feelings to without fear of having them used against us. If that emotional intimacy is removed through separation — and it's very hard to keep it going over the phone - we look to transfer it

to another person."
Sheila and Zahid Warley lived apart for seven years. They are now together in London with their son Joe, but before that Sheila stayed at home in Newcastle with Joe and her two children, Robert and Katie from her first marriage, while Zahid worked for

the BBC in London. "At the time it was the right decision, because Robert and Katie were so settled at their schools and with their friends

Will Sadler, right, in port during the BT Global Challenge. He returns next month

difficult," says Sheila. "It started off as just a temporary split, and I remember we had a big row before he went off. To me, he had a great life in London - seeing friends, eating out, having time to read - while I was coping with the mayhem of domestic life." Dr Trent says: "It's easy for resenument to build up because you idealise the other person's situation. What they're doing is un-known and therefore exciting. while you see yourself as the one with the problems. When you do get back together it's vital that couples realise it will take time to be vulnerable

- but I can't say it hasn't been

again, to drop your defences." Jane Sadler has been apart from Will for the past ten months, living effectively the life of a single parent with seven-year-old Flo and 12year-old Charlotte at their remote farmhouse in Buckinghamshire. During a visit to Will in New Zealand at Christmas their house was flooded and a lot of their furniture was ruined. She and the children had to live in a hotel for seven weeks surrounded by what could be salvaged, and then she had the trials of supervising the entire renovation of their old house and finding somewhere new to live. However, her worries lie not with the present but with the future.

To be honest, this year has been a doddle what's going to be really difficult is 'Enforced the year he gets back, while we all separation have to readjust," she says. "He's had highlights the freedom of sailing on the boat with no family ties, and I've had the wrong in a freedom of not being answerable

what's

marriage' For Sheila Warley, the moment of reconciliation could also be problematic. "At the weekends he would come home expecting a big fuss, while often the kids just said. 'Hi, Dad,' and carried on watching Neigh-bours. That was hard for him,

because I know he worried about us while he was away. "If we had a row at the weekend that was very difficult, because you don't then have the time to resolve the

problem naturally."
When Will was offered the chance to take part in the yacht race, Jane says there was no discussion about whether he should go: "We both saw it as a great opportunity, and we have never been possessive about each other's lives."

Other couples have felt the strain more. Tracy Capstick almost immediately expressed how resentful she felt over husband Jim taking a year out of their lives to take part in the race. Elaine Calvin had the birth of her son induced so it could take place before husband Pete left to sail on his boat. She is now coping on her own until he returns.

Jane feels she has changed in the year Will has been away. "I feel I'm stronger and I know i can cope on my own." she says. "When you're one half of a couple you learn to keep your mouth shut on certain things. While he's away I don't have that restraint." While still missing her hus-

band, she has found lots of

they get back from school I can spend time chatting with them and helping with homework," she says.
"I think we've also dealt with problems in a much calmer way because there are

benefits. "I have much more

time for the children. When

only the three of us. With a partner, tension develops because you're worrying what they think, and men are much more explosive when things 90 wrong. When you're a couple

and there's a problem with one of the kids the temptation is to pass it over and say, you talk to her. But now he's gone I can't shout and scream because I have to live with them all the time. It's almost as if we need each other more because Will isn't here."

Sheila Warley found separation. while causing problems, did add spice to her marriage. "I made several trips to London to stay with Zahid in his flat without the kids. That was great - like having an affair without the guilt. I was never sexually jealous - Zahid is a straight and honourable person, and we spoke on the phone every day. I think in fact the separation has made our relationship stronger, but [wouldn't go back to living apart."

Jane and the children talk to Will several times a week through e-mail and faxes, and Jane has visited Will at all the ports of call — Rio, New Zealand and Cape Town. The last visit she made on her own.

"I found myself being quite reticent with Will when I visited him, because I didn't want to give too much away and be hurt. I am very emotional while Will is much more laid back. An enforced separation highlights what's wrong in your marriage, so it helps you work at avoiding those pitfalls. I long for him to come home but I am apprehensive. I can't bear the thought of him taking over things I'm doing because he feels he can do them better. We will have to be extremely

tolerant of each other." Dr Trent says: "It's vital to recognise the changes in each other and build on that, rather than feel threatened by a partner's new independence." Advice which will no doubt come in useful next month when the 155 crew on the Global Challenge yachts sail back to what could be turbulent domestic waters.

DIANA APPLEYARD

Ruth Gledhill joins pilgrims trekking through Britain

He who would valiant be



gressed down the aisle, some with walk-

ing sticks. some boots. They were all shapes, ages and sizes. There was a faint air of bemusement about them, as if dazzled by a combination of blistering sunshine, a long walk through the Wiltshire countryside and endless church services on their rapid 20thcentury pilgrimage from Rome or Canterbury to

Londonderry. The pilgrimage, by bus, train and on foot, was part of the celebrations marking the joint anniversaries of saints Augustine and Columba. I met up with them mid-stream, in Malmesbury, the oldest borough in England with an abbey that was once a thriving national centre of Benedictine

Christianity. We thanked God for the lives of the two saints, and prayed for His blessing on these modern pilgrims, before a reading from Peter. chapter I. Our sermon, by the Kev Signey Hinkes, a retired Anglican clergyman who is co-chairman of the ecumenical group. Churches Together in Malmesbury, was an apt warning to all with ambition.



7th-century hermit Maidulf

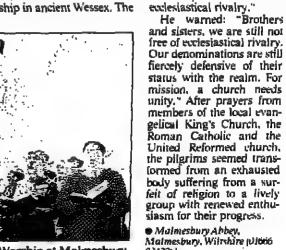
and the Abbey was founded in 676 by Aldhelm, who became Bishop of Sherborne when the diocese was divided in 705. To the dismay of all in

Malmesbury, Salisbury was chosen as the new centre for the eastern half when the diocese was divided. Today. Malmeshury no longer even has its own bishop. The suffragan see was renamed Swindon in 1994. But Mr Hinkes described what happened as the townsfolk reacted to their diminishing impor-tance in church life after the

events of the 8th century. "Leurn what lessons you can from this place." he told the pilgrims, pointing out that there were Christians in Malmesbury before Augustine ever set foot on English soil. Malmesbury never forgot and never forgave. All through the Middle Ages, Malmesbury had to prove that anything Salisbury could do, Malmesbury could do better. This included building a spire. Malmesbury had to have a taller spire than Salisbury. wnich you recall is tallest in England. This

pride led to a fall. The spire collapsed in 1480, destroving the abbey east of the wall. What remains is onethird of the ancient glory. The disastrous construction

Malmesbury was once the centre of Christian worship in ancient Wessex. The



Worship at Malmesbury

and sisters, we are still not free of ecclesiastical rivalry. Our denominations are still fiercely defensive of their status with the realm. For mission, a church needs unity." After prayers from members of the local evangelical King's Church, the Roman Catholic and the United Reformed church, the pilgrims seemed transformed from an exhausted body suffering from a surfeit of religion to a lively group with renewed enthusiasm for their progress.

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What happened to the ancient - and efficient - art of scything? Put aside your noisy strimmers and mowers, and show your mettle

There follows an appeal to the old swingers among you. It comes with a health warning, but please read on.

It is the height of the grass-cutting season, when large proportions of the population trundle up and down their lawns trying to keep one step ahead of the grass.

The grass is, of course, trying to flower and set seed, and so is packed with protein and general goodness; which is why farmers will shortly be cutting their meadows with the intention of making hay. But most people make nothing but clippings, either by the use of a mower or a petrol-driven strimmer which whirls a nylon line at a deadly speed slaying

everything before it. Many years ago, when new to country life. I tried to lend my new strimmer to an old boy who was standing deep in a ditch, sickle in hand, slashing away at the lush growth which would otherwise choke the ditch.

I felt sorry for him, poor old man: on a pension, a humble sickle was all he could afford. And there I was in my comparative affluence with my shiny, new red strimmer. I might as well have offered

Wanted: six razor-sharp swingers

DOWN TO EARTH

sickle were a marriage of many years standing and he had no intention of being unfaithful with a flighty little engine-driven thing. In my naivety, I thought this to be somewhat of a Luddite attitude, till I watched his progress and compared it with mine.

He had done ten yards while I was still pulling at the cord; he was another 20 yards farther ahead by the time I was back from the garage with more petrol. He got plenty of exercise, and he did not return home deaf and choking from an afternoon spent with 100cc of best Japanese two-stroke stuffed up his

That was when I learnt the value of the properly designed and skilfully used hand tool, and I have been a devotee of them ever since. The greatest of the cutting tools is the scythe: fiendishly simple to look at, desperately difficult to master. The great 19th-century agriculturalist Henry Stephens offered a beauti-

Readers' letters are welcome on countryside matters

scription of the blade of a scythe when he called it "the curve of least exertion", by which he meant that the blade was shaped so as to require minimum effort for maximum

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part company with Stephens is use of the word "least" in association with the exertion. My early attempts to swing a soythe were sweaty, had-tempered affairs made bloody by

cuts sustained in fumbling attempts to It is easy for a beginner to imagine that one uses it with a slashing motion, beating the grass into submission. But

watch an experienced scyther and you

blade through the grass, cutting it well down the stalk so that the blade of grass does not sense the blade coming towards it, and is taken by surprise. There is no flailing of the arms as in some Jane

Fonda-style aerobic exercise, but rather a gentle swing from the hips that achieves the desired

effect with the minimum effort, as Stephens described. Which raises the question - are there any experienced scythers left? Any men vomen who can grasp the snaith, as the handle is called, and swish their way through a field of corn or a meadow of hav as was done season after season not may generations ago?

them. It is time scything skills were revitalised, not only for the general health of the nation (for it would undoubtedly have both medical and environmental approval) but to ensure that the day never dawns when the last working scythe in Britain is finally hung on the wall of the barn and forgotten. So I am proposing a contest - a Grand Scything Match, open to all.

t will be held in the eastern counties in the early autumn and, in anticipation of your willingness to take part, alking farmer has sown a small field of you will be required to scythe, and your partner will have to bundle it into sheaves and tie it with a band of twisted straw in the old-fashioned manner. Somewhere, somehow, I shall find a judge who can assess the subtleties of this art, and there will be a prize. Possibly a free course of orthopaedic treatment

following the match. We are already fortunate in having a sponsor. In the once great steel-making city of Sheffield. Burgon & Ball is still making scythes using techniques that Victorians would recognise, because there is no better way to make them. Deceptively simple in appearance, a scythe needs to be set and tuned as carefully as any concert cello. There is the angle of the blade to consider, the position of the two handles. all needing to be adjusted to the height of the operator, and the sharpness of the blade, which needs honing to the point where surgeons would be fearful of it.

Burgon & Ball will supply the scyhe
some weeks in advance so that serious

competitors can tune them to concert pitch. All we need now are the scythers. You will get your leg pulled, and as you walk through your town or village they will shout "Old Father Time!" and "Here comes the grim reaper!". But you will be preserving a little bit of agricultural history and, I hope, having fun in the

We have corn enough for a maximum of six competitors. Any old or aspiring swingers out there should drop me a line without delay.

The new battle of Britain



Small airfields are too noisy, say locals. But fliers are keen to keep them going, says **Eve-Ann Prentice**

mong the rolling farmland of East Anglia, beneath the the Battle of Britain was fought, a new conflict is taking place. The argument is between men - and women - in flying jackets, and villagers who say they cannot abide the noise of aircraft taking off and landing at rural airfields, shat-

Simmering resentments came to the boil after a local council approved planning guidelines which the pilots say are likely to become the blueprint for other authorities. According to national flying groups, the policy could lead to the closure of small airfields all over the country, some of which played a pivotal role in the Second World War.

The aviators accuse a small number of townies of moving to the countryside expecting to find a rural idyll, then failing to live and let live when the reality is not perfection. The issue is causing the sort of bitter divisions for which rural communities can be notorious. where the protagonists know one another and gossip can get the better of fact.

The aviators fall over themselves to put their side of the story. The villagers, however, including parish and district councillors, are reluctant to criticise their adversaries in public. In pubs and village shops, fighting talk runs along the lines of I'd like to string them up", or "They think they own the earth, but they are a blasted nuisance". Yet about 20 of those who wrote to their planning authority vehemently protesting about the noise from rural airfields declared they had no comment to make on the record to The Times.

"I think you know how we feel, but it's all a bit touchy," said one protester. Another added: "It is all very strange;



Veteran pilot John Jordan (above left) thinks restrictions are ridiculous. Instructor Kevin Dennington, above, insists that noise complaints are taken seriously

There are a lot of undercurrents I do not intend to inflame the situation further. There are a lot of controversial words going around and it is very unpleasant."

The arguments are most heated in the picture-book villages surrounding Duxford, where the Imperial War Museum keeps its aircraft collection and which falls under the aegis of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The council has approved guide-lines which will be used in future planning applications.

These include a ban on

night flying, restricting the number of takeoffs and landings, banning takeoffs after 2pm on Sundays, and a ban on aircraft over 250 horse power such as the Spitfire. Although the policy will

apply only to future planning applications, airfields that need to make minor changes to meet new safety regulations, for instance, may have to apply for planning permission. At that point the curbs would be imposed, aviation groups say.

John Jordon performed heroics at the end of the last war and now keeps a Stearman biplane at a grass airfield at Little Gransden on the Cambridgeshire-Bedfordshire border. Fifty years ago

SUPER-MARE

he rescued a Polish general and his family from almost certain death at the hands of the Russians at the end of the Second World War, plucking them from a field near Pilsen in the former Czechoslovakia in an Anson aircraft.

"I think these plans are stupid and terribly sad," says Mr Jordan. "I have been flying for more than 55 years and can

'I have two Spitfires and these plans could put me out of business'

remember how important the airfields round here were during the war. Wellingtons were kept at Great Gransden up the

The Popular Flying Associ-ation (PFA) is now considering launching a High Court challenge to the planning guide and says that "if this policy goes unchallenged it will become the standard approach to small airfield planning nationwide". Martin Ott, executive member of the PFA, said:

"Eight million people watched air shows in this country last year. Those pilots had to learn to fly somewhere, often at a small airfield in the countryside. These draconian prohibi-

tions will radically affect all light aviation within the council's jurisdiction and beyond when, as expected, they are adopted elsewhere. Norfolk has already expressed an interest in adopting a similar

policy."
David Ogilvy, chairman of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Association, claims his organisation is the main group fighting airfield clo-sures and restrictions. "South Cambridgeshire has brought things to a peak but the problem exists all over the country. A lot of rural airfields have closed or are under threat of closure. We have lost about ten in the past five years and there are severe restraints on many others," he says.

David Hussell is at the centre of the storm. As Planning director of South Cambridgeshire District, Council, he says he is trying to steer a middle course between irate locals and the aviators, who maintain that their businesses as well as recreation are at risk. "A lot of aircraft are based in our district and there are many Second World War

airfields. South Cambridgeshire is not against people enjoying themselves, but we have to balance this with what our residents say.

"Clearly, some residents have taken a very extreme view and that is ridiculous. Some aviators on the other hand will not accept any restrictions at all." Little Gransden airfield has become

These flyers think they own the earth, but they are a blasted nuisance'

the focus of especially heated debate. The airfield has a runway which forms the borbetween South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon. It is also home to the Skyline school of flying and a separate business which renovates fighter aircraft from the Baltic states and former Soviet Union, employing 22 people. Graham Bright, who runs

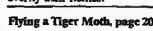
Skyline, has provisional planning permission to run his business, and this is to be

reviewed in the autumn. He is unclear how the planning rules will affect his business and says: "We have bent over backwards to ensure we live in harmony with the locals." He points out that the school hosts charity fund-raising events and is teaching a disabled man to fly.

Kevin Dennington, a flying instructor at Bourn airfield near Cambridge and spokesman for the Rural Flying Corp. says: "We have a very good relationship with our parish councillors and com-plaints are taken seriously. We go out of our way to avoid flying over villages."

Aviators in other East Anglian counties who fear the spread of the planning policy are less tactful. "I would like to drop a bomb on South Cam-bridgeshire council," says Clive Denney, whose Historic Flying Company renovates historic aircraft at Audley End aerodrome in Essex. "If you don't like aircraft, don't live near an airfield. I have two Spitfires and a Hurricane here and these plans could put me out of business.

"I have a superb relationship with the locals here and most complain if I don't overfly their homes."





Rural recommendations

Historical interest: At the Down's seaward up is a grey stone fort, which Palmerston had built in the 1860s, fearing the French might launch an attack up the Bristol Channel. To the east, there are signs of an Iron Age fort. The Down was also the site of a Roman temple and a Bronze Age burial ground. Aficionados: In summer, walkers and holidaymakers who have the energy to negotiate the Down's steep path. In winter, dedicated birdwatchers and the occasional locals walking their dogs.

Burnham-on-Sea. OS reference: 290590 (Landranger 182) Also nearby: Five miles to the south is the small resort of Burnham-on-Sea, where children can enjoy donkey rides on the beach. There is also a regular market: Brent Knoll, a large hill rising out of the Somerset Levels, which offers wonderful views of North Devon: the Wookey Hole Caves and Cheddar Gorge



The gadwall drake croaks rather than quacks

All in a flap at the pit

FEATHER REPORT

A SUMMER'S day by an old. disused gravel pit north of London produced plenty of bird pleasures last week.

It is a fairly marshy stretch of water now, with a mud-spit running into it from one of its leafy shores. In the middle there is also a small rait with a floor of pebbles, specially provided by local ornithologists. on which a common tern was sitting on a clutch of eggs. Its

mate was perched on a post. I had only just arrived when drama began. A heron came beating over the water, and instantly both terms flew up making sharp cries. They rose above the heron, then dived down on him again and again. He was not at all happy, flapping heavily to try to escape them. They were a brilliant sight with their flickering white wings, and they stayed with him till he was far away; then one came back swiftly to the nest while the other settled at the tip of the

Even here it was aggressive. A redshank came stepping through the water on its long, red legs and gave itself a thorough washing. After a while, the tern had had enough of this. It flew at the redshank, who scampered off

quickly. I suspect the redshank had a mate on her nest somewhere in the vegetation. Indeed, sev-eral of the birds on the spit looked like idle males who were waiting for their young to hatch. There was a very somnolent shoveler, whose rich red flanks glowed in the sun, and there were two or three male gadwall. The gadwall is a delightful

duck which was introduced

into Britain in 1850. It is now well distributed and has been increasing in numbers. Neither sex has any dramatic features, but the drake is mainly soft grey with a distinctive black patch in front

of the tail, and the duck can be

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The drake also has a curious croak when it is alarmed more yapping than quacking. They are vegetarians, eating the juicy weeds underwater Even the ducklings mostly eat weeds, unlike mallard ducklings, which eat insects off the

water until they are fledged. Coot were swimming about with their red-headed young. and a pied wagtail lopped over the water; then suddenly a pair of sharp brown wings went flashing up and down the spit like a flying star and dropped to reveal that they belonged to a little ringed

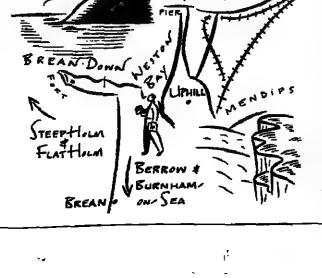
This bird, too, may have had a mate on eggs somewhere among the plants in the dry middle of the spit. It is a pretty little plover, with a black-banded head, and is another species which has grown more common after introducing itself to Britain in the first summers after the

Second World War. DERWENT MAY ● What's about -- Birders: look out for noisy family parties of blue and great tits in gardens and woodland. Twitchers: a great reed warbler at Netherfield, Nottinghamshire; a long-billed dowitcher at Titchwell, Norfolk, a

bee-easer as Crane Moor, Details from Birdline (089) 700222). Calis cost 40p a minute. cheap rate. 50p at all other times.

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The place: Brean Down, a steep-sided, former tidal island which reaches two miles out into the Bristol Channel, just

south of Weston-super-Mare. The view: The down cuts into an often mirror-flat sea at high tide, which becomes a glistening expanse of sand and mud at low tide. To the south lie miles of broad beach, flanked by sand dunes which are thick with brambles and sea grasses. Behind is caravan land, To the north, Weston Bay displays its solendid Grand Pier and rows of seaside hotels. Three miles out, in the middle of the Bristol Channel, are Brean Down's sister islands, the low slab of Flatholm and Steepholm, a rocky bird sanctuary. Beyond them, even South Wales is visible on a clear day. Inland, the Mendips stretch into the distance. The appeal: When I was young, from my grandparents' caravan at its foot, Brean SOMERSET

Down by night looked like a huge sleeping whale. In the day we often climbed to the top to look for butterflies.

Best time to visit: In spring the tides are at their most dramatic. Brean Down is rarely crowded, even in summer, as its undulating shape disguises the number of walkers on it.

How to get there: From Burnham-on-Sea, turn north along the coast road through Berrow to Brean. By train: Highbridge Station, two miles from

are 30 minutes' drive by car.

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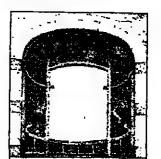
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Fishing boats hard at work in Chittagong display the dignity of the Bangladeshis. The lifestyle of those who live in the countryside or on the water is so beguiling that it is easy to forget the nation is one of the poorest in the world

angladesh is a tropi-cal country gilded with rivers. Tucked neatly into the crotch of Asia, it consists of silty lowlands squeezed between the jumbled states of east India and the western border of Myanmar. This is protean land, constantly reshaped by water rushing off the Himala-yas towards the Bay of Bengal, and as much as 70 per cent is submerged at any one time. Famous only for being poor, 112 million people in a space the size of England and Wales

make this the most densely populated country on earth. Among the vibrant fertility of the flooded green fields lie clues to moments of past greatness as the eastern half of Bengal: shattered walls of labyrinthine 10th-century palaces and decaying 17th-century Mogul mosques. The British made the province the heart of their great Indian empire until 1912, when they shifted their capital across the country to Delhi. The apocalyptic famine of 1943 precipi-tated the collapse of Bengal, and at Partition in 1947 the eastern regions became East Pakistan and lost the majority of their Hindus. In 1971 the country won its independence

and became Bangladesh. There is no tourism in Bangladesh. There are also very few places to stay in the countryside, and as a result I was obliged to hop between towns - an unfortunate turn of events, as Bangladesh urban centres are squalid hellholes, their buildings leprous with corrosion. To the Euro-

A world of watercolours

pean eye the narrow lanes have a medieval character. especially at night. Shrouded figures crouch beside flickering fires, candles gutter in stinking corners, a small crowd jostles around bunches of vegetables and an itinerant ear doctor cries for trade, a tray of brutal implements

around his neck. The streets of Dhaka. the capital, are choked with more than 100,000 elaborately painted cycle rickshaws. At night, kerosene lamps swing from the undercarriage. Train travel is easy (the only thing in Bangladesh that is), not least because Bangladesh Railways, conveniently known as BR, eschews the byzantine booking systems of India. Throughout the journey an obliging steward carries china cups of milky tea through the first-class carriage as the land-scape beyond unravels.

Ubiquitous features of rural Bangladesh include emerald rice paddies, bushes garlanded with drying saris and fortlike villages raised on mounds against the monsoon. Women stoop in fields, men squat in tight groups, children toner under vast bales and bony oxen towing antediluvian ploughs are worried by rag-ged-tailed jackals.

The countryside is so beguiling that I forgot I was in one of the poorest countries in the

world. In the villages, dignity clings tenaciously even to the most abject but the urban slums are mired in despair. The country's 158 tea estates are in the north east, the roads around them spotted with squads of pluckers — all

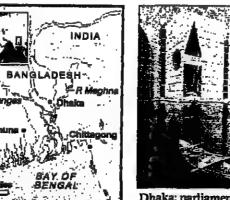
women — walking to work with baskets on their backs. In this area, the Lawachara rainforest has miraculously escaped deforestation and there I found screaming langur monkeys among the mahogany trees as well as the the hoolock gibbon.

■ British Airways (0345 222111) flies to Dhaka five times a week via Delhi. Fares this month are from El.114. Biman, the Bangladeshi national carrier (0171-629 0252) also flies London-Dhaka. Ticket consolidator Jumbo Travel (0171-258 0295) has BA tickets for July from £465 return, with Biman from £495.

Overland: It is possible to enter Bangladesh from India. The most reliable crossing points are Benapol/Haridaspur in the south; Chilahati/Haldibair in the north.

■ Visas are required. A single-entry visa costs £40. Application

Sara Wheeler visits beguiling Bangladesh, where medieval poverty combines with a landscape of extreme beauty



BANGLADESH FACT FILE forms are available from the Bangladesh High Commission, 28 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5JA

(0171-584 0081). Open to personal callers Monday-Friday, 10amlpm. Allow three weeks for postal applications.

Vaccinations: It is advisable to have hepatitis, typhoid, tetanus and polio. Take iodine water purification tablets.

Currency: There are currently 70 taka to the pound. Credit cards

and travellers cheques are only

What I liked best in Bangla-desh was sitting in a cane armchair on the deck of a

Rocket paddle steamer as it chugged down the Meghna

River while hundreds of small

boats puttered past and an-

guished calls to prayer floated

from the banks. Schools of

dolphins leapt among the

patched boats and pale mauve

rafts of water hyacinth while

river-borne gypsies tethered

their boats alongside the coco-

nut groves in search of cus-tomers for their herbal medicines. The magnificent

useful in Dhaka and Chittagong. The best time to visit is November-February. Three-quarters of the annual rainfall falls June-

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Memoirs of a Bengal Civilian, by John Beame (Eland, £8.99); Bangladesh. Reflections on the Water, by James J. Novak (Indiana University Press, £22.50); Janani, by Shaukat Osman (Heinemann, £5.99). Bangladesh Travel Survival Kit (Lonely Planet, £9.99).

Rockets, their paddle wheels powered now by diesel en-gines, alas, travel four times a week between Dhaka and Khulna, a 24-hour trip.

Chittagong, in the south east, is the second city and first port. (According to Ptolemy, in the 2nd century AD it was one of the finest ports in the East.) Bangladesh is the world capi-tal of cheap labour, and nowhere is this more evident than in the shipbreaking yards outside Chittagong. There the clapped-out ships of the world converge so Bangladeshis can take them apart with blowtorches, hammers and brute force. Accompanied by banging, hissing and chants of the "all-togethernow" variety, half-eaten ships like dinosaur skeletons sink into the mudflats of the Bay of

n the extreme south east, 100 miles south of Chitta-gong, the beguiling name of Cox's Bazar belies the charmless aspect of the town itself, but the beach is allegedly the longest in the world. The Bangladeshi coast is exposed to the Bay of Bengal, and in Cox's Bazar trucks patrol the streets issuing cyclone warnings from killed 100,000 and a week later they were still hooking corpses out of trees. Nonetheless, Cox's

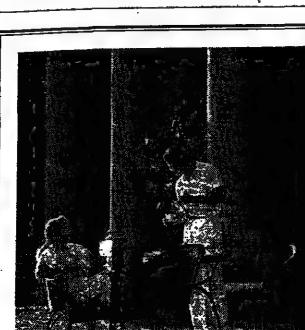
Buzar is the main holiday resort for middle-class Bangladeshis, all clamouring, when I appeared, to have their photograph taken with me.

Approaching the Ganges delta, the watery landscape embraces thatched huts on stilts and partially submerged water buffaloes. Villages evenrually yield to the Sundarbans. a dense mangrove forest along the Bay of Bengal covering 2.300 square miles.

Out on the water, fishing vessels emerged from the dawn mist. In the lonely backwaters of the Sundarbans men use trained otters to chase fish into nets. A pair of harnessed otters harry and dive through the milk-chocolate water while four men, standing up in their gondolashaped boat, manoeuvre nets attached to oft bambon poles.

It is a tough destination for tourists. All travel in Bangladesh is circumscribed by fer-ries, and they are usually broken down, paralysed by strikes, or clogged with queues. In addition, outside the small intellectual circles of the capital I hardly found

anyone who spoke English. Being in India was a picnic after three weeks fighting my way around Bangladesh. (Calcutta might have earned a place in the geographical imagination of the west as a cipher of disease and despair, but rich Bangladeshis go to Calcutta for medical treat-ment. But despite it all, Bangladesh is safe, cheap and tourist-free, and the operatic landscape makes all the struggle melt into the silt.





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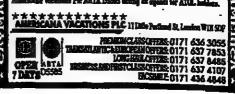


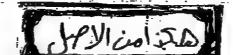






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(a) Especially in Australia, where this geographical phenomenon is common, a branch stream which turns out

(a) The name of a Middlesex village, and of a mental

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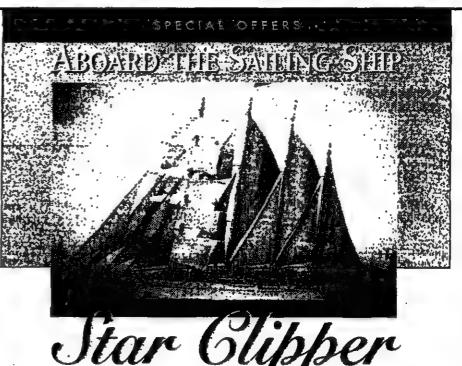
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Oporto was the centre of this power. It is a delightful town of cobbled streets, red-roofed houses and ancient churches and palaces. lving on the steep slopes above the estuary of the Douro River, on the site of the Roman towns of Portus and Cale, from where Portugal derived its name.

England played a key role in helping Portugal to achieve independence. and Oporto to achieve prosperity, beginning with the Treaty of Windsor, in 1386, and the marriage in Oporto the year after between King João I and Philippa of Lancaster, the daughter of John of Gaunt

In 1703, trading between the two countries was made official by the Treaty of Methwen, and English merchants moved into the production of port wine in the Douro

At the top of the hill on which Oporto is built are the fine wide avenues and squares of its later history, but to get the feel of this ancient city you must go down the steep slopes to the old town. Its hundreds of churches are baroque, medieval or Neoclassical gems, and, like its old houses and palaces, are often decorated with the beautiful blue and white azulejos (tiles) that are famous in Portugal.

There are magnificent example on the walls of the Sé Cathedral. which stands guard above the old town. Among many stunning church interiors, one of the finest is the Church of São Francisco, on the Rua Dom Henrique, which dazzles with its gold-leaf, baroque splendour. Go to the Rua de Santa Caterina, the crowded main shop-

town, just to take tea in the Majestic Café. This tearoom is maintained in all its Art Nouveau glory.

Reis Filhos, near the Praca D. João I, is dated 1880. Look up, if you dare to enter this elegant fur shop. and you will see painted ceilings to rival Madame de Pompadour's boudoir. But apart from some good leather shops and the comfortable Grand Hotel do Porto, the street has little else to offer:

So march down towards the river and take in the shops of a bygone age - haberdashery, ironmongers, specialists in buttons, candles, antiques, crafts and pewter. In the old town you see how the people have lived for nearly a thousand years. Despite the fact that Portugal now belongs to the European Union, with funding pouring in, poverty is still starkly evident. The quayside

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of the broad Douro river is dominated by The garden the spectacular Dom Luis I iron bridge, dat-Oporto with Vila Nova de Gaia on the other Designed by Teofilo Seyring, a disciple of Gustav Eiffel, it has an amazing .twotier span. Along the river the more modest lemons and Maria iron bridge was designed by Eiffel. In fact Eiffel designed bridges all

over the region. An ancient fable relates that Portugal's three largest rivers met in Spain before crossing the border and over a bottle of wine decided to race each other to the sea next morning. The Guadiana got up at dawn and had time to turn south through flat land for an easy journey. The Tagus awoke, saw the Guadiana had gone and set off sharpish to find a way through low mountain ranges and across plains, reaching the sea where Lisbon now stands.

The Douro, having drunk too much, slept until mid-morning and in haste went straight from east to west, carving a passage through the mountains. The Douro is indeed a mighty river. I walked along the quay and bought some of the pretty earthenware cooking pots, then crossed the bridge on its lower tier. On the Gaia side the grand port wine houses line up



Oporto's cobbled streets, red-roofed houses and ancient churches and palaces tumble down the slopes to the Douro. The old boats that once ferried port wine are still moored there

along the quay. Names such as Taylor's, Graham, Warre, Croft, Dow and Sandeman proclaim the truth of the alliance with England. Moored in front are the rabelo. one-oared boats which over the centuries carried the wine from the vineyards to the sea. Now that the casks are transported by road, the boats are used only once a year to race on the river.

Oporto food is delicious and the portions abundant. After a lunch of sopa calda (cabbage soup with spicy salami), arros y frango (tasty chicken and rice) and chocolate mousse (must try it) at the Imar restaurant on the quayside, I felt fortified enough to walk through the portais of the House of Sandeman, founded by George Sandeman in 1790.

Walking through the cellars with

reposing in casks, the secrets of vintage, tawny and ruby were imparted to me. When I lived in Portugal, I loved drinking white port served chilled as an apéritif.

he countryside outside Oporto is a land of milk and honey, filled with green pastures, broad riv-ers, fertile land, and sun and rain. Its vines not only produce port wine but also the light, young vinho verde that is so utterly drinkable. Small churches in their distinctive granite and white, decorated with azulejos, are everywhere. Do not miss the baroque stairs that climb the hillside to the Born Jesus Church overlooking Braga, nor the town's medieval centre and beautiful cathedral. Not so many years ago this countryside was dotted

with rustic villages and tiny restau-

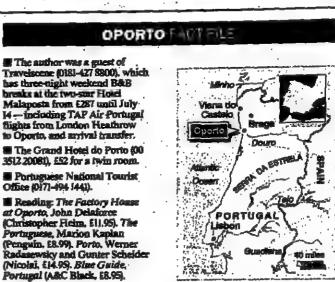
rants serving bacalhau (salted cod), tripe and a mixed grill which will fill you up for a week.

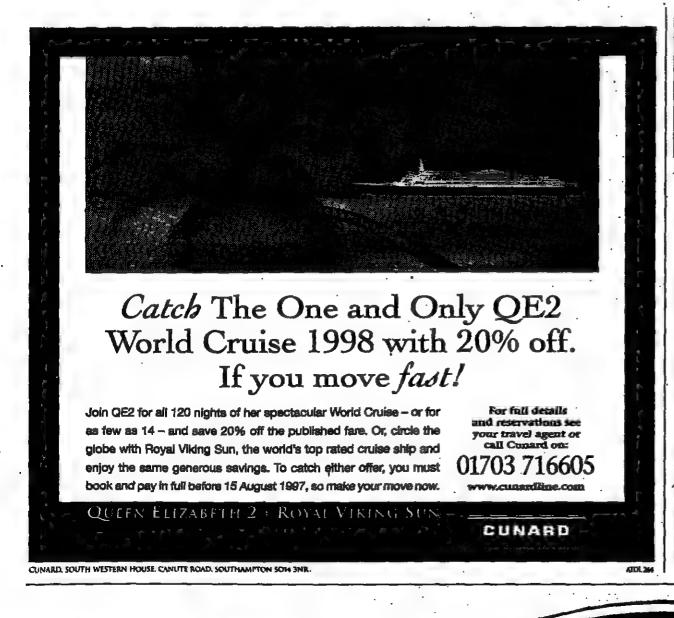
The delicious food is still there, but motorways plough through the land and an explosion of basic, ugly housing forms a continuous band from Oporto north to the Spanish borde:

Before leaving, I went to visit friends who live in a converted monastery tucked away in the woods above Viana do Castelo. Their garden in winter is adorned with camellias, oranges, lemons and tangerines. A crystal-clear river runs through it - once used by the monks for washing.

Hidden wonders like this are what make Portugal so special and are the reason that I return again

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Brussels: Fine examples of Art Nouveau and splendid museums make for a memorable weekend break

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Smart for art's sake

Brussels merits a theme, it is Art Nouveau. And what better place to start than at its shrine. The Musée Horta is a delightful capsule of the architectural and design movement that swept across Europe in the 1890s and which proved so popular in Brussels. Horta applied the flowing curves and hapes of the natural world to iron, stone, stained glass and furniture. Today his self-designed house, now a museum, whisks one back a century to a time when the straight line was almost a necessary evil.

Even the furniture and doors have been styled, shaped or moulded. Coat hooks droop like stamen and ribbons of balusters and struts colonise a stairwell like tendrils; an opaque canopy crowns the top floor and the dining room has walls of white-enamelled brick and parquet-mosaic floor. What vou do not see are the bathrooms or the kitchen. For a perfectionist obsessed with the detail of door handles and letterbox, it is hard to believe Horta did not see to these as well: "They're of no interest," an attendant said. "Servants used the basement kitchen and now it's the caretaker's flat."

Meanwhile, the house has become a victim of its own success. This year saw pains-taking restoration, the first in 30 years. The most exacting task was cleaning its delicate canvas walls painted with floral motifs and ensuring their colours, especially gold,

were not garishly revived. The cult of Horta has renewed interest in Art Nouveau and probably ended the shameful destruction of some of Brussels's finest buildings. Fortunately, hundreds of houses designed by him and contemporaries remain. The grandest - called "hotels" are concentrated in the southern districts of St Gilles and ixelies where wealthy industrialists and engineers prospered. Walking between the choice residences in this compact city reveals an unexpected legance and there is always a local café to rest weary legs.

decorative interiors of Hotels Solvay and Tassel to be lavish. In the flesh, you will have to be content with the exteriors: wriggling balustrades, curved masonry and cast-iron, riveted columns. Almost all these homes are still privately owned and although a man at the Solvay said I could write requesting a visit, it seemed a





Amar Grove travelled by Eurostar with Time Off (0171-235 8070) and stayed at the Hotel Amigo. Prices for a two-night weekend break are £261 per person.

■ James Pickard travelled via Eurostar to Brussels with Belgian Travel Service (01992 B&B weekend break at the five-star Le Meridien costs £235 per person

■ The Musée Horta, 23-

25 rue Americaine is open Tuesday-Sunday, 2-5-30pm. Admission is £2.25 on weekdays, £4 at weekends. Tram numbers 91/92 stop nearest to the museum. Hotel Hannon Brugmann and de la Jonction) opens on the same days, 2-6pm (£1,20).

society ARAU at 55 Bid Adolphe Max. Brussels 1000 (00 322 219 3345) has tours on Saturday mornings, usually visiting at least four buildings, including the Ultieme Hallucinatie and the Horta-designed Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée or Comic Strip usually in French or Flemish (EL2).

Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Flemish Cities Explored, by Derei Blyth (Pallas Guide, E9.95), The Professor and Bronte (Penguin, El.99/ E2.50). Time Out Guide. Brussels (Penguin, £9.99).

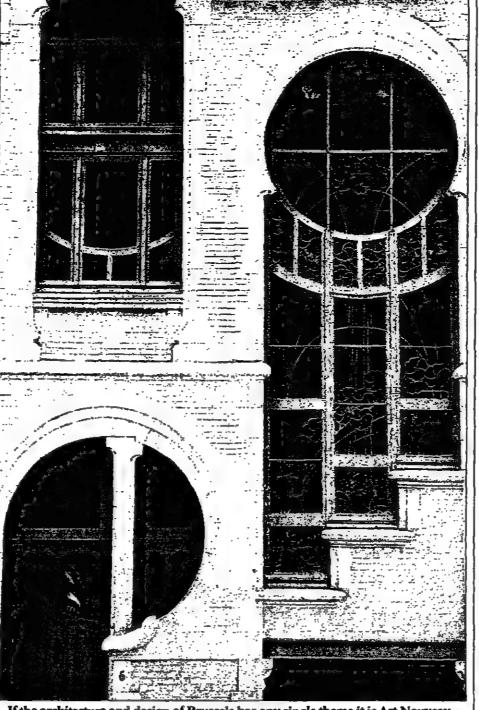
vague, inconvenient prospect for the casual visitor.

The nearby Hotel Hannon dominated by a stainedglass bow window (whose room the original plans refer to quaintly as a jardin d'hiver or winter garden) and sensual frescoes that soar with the stairs, this large house is gallery. Other high-'Maison Saint-Cyr (11 square Ambiorix) gant, swirling fa-

Nouveau cade and the airy murals of Maison de Paul Cauchie (5 rue des Francs). The latter is open to the public on the first weekend

So many others failed to





If the architecture and design of Brussels has any single theme it is Art Nouveau

gain a name but pamphlets list them humbly by address. Some have charming period detail - the letterbox and boot scraper of 83 rue de Faider, the round windows and immense floral-glass panes of 6 rue de

The cult

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alternative and something of an institution is the Café Falstaff (19 rue Henri Maus) Lac, or the mosaic of cocks at a opposite La Bourse, the old sunburst dawn at 4i place stock exchange. Lounging on banquettes under long mirrors, we peered up at stained glass depicting its eponymous hero.

The food, too, is excellent with waterzooi (chicken bathed in a creamy sauce), anguilles au vert (a herby stew of eels) and cranberried Ar dennes boar. We nipped round the other side of the Bourse to Café Cirio (18 rue de la Bourse)

Morichar. With images of flaxen-haired maidens, paired owls and endless motifs of plants and flowers, there is an almost childlike delight in decorative effect.

The Belgians perfected chocolate, beer and les frites so it is

There, amid leather upholstairs, and its cluttered dining room evoked ideals of a wealthy great-aunt. lamps and sumptuous past-A far less self-conscious ries, I noticed framed celebrity signatures hanging from pil

stery, medallioned mermaid lars. It is a wonderful place even without approval from the great and the good.

AMAR GROVER

Capital where squares are chic

Brussels subway reads Best". You do not need fluent Flemish to guess the translation. Curiously undervalued as a weekend destination, Brussels has more to offer than twee Ghent or Bruges.

Four hours by Eurostar and five minutes later I was lunching in the seedy area around the Gare du Midi in a rundown Greek restaurant. The beer was cheaper than the mineral water. There was no menu. Instead, the chef led customers to the kitchen to choose their meal from a dozen cooking vessels. I pointed at the moussaka. With veg and potatoes, it cost £4.

The Belgians do have a sense of humour. They must have, as they drink more fruitflavoured beer than British imports. In a café-bar I sampled a bottle of raspberry beer and even managed to finish it. The cherry, peach and banana flavours remained untouched. In a basement in the Grand

Place, the medieval centre, the Beer Museum is dedicated to the old and new methods of brewing. Its literature states: Brewing to the Belgians is what haute couture is to the French." With 106 breweries in the country you can use touchscreen computers or watch a video to find out more, before sampling a free beer.

Victor Hugo always rated the Grand Place as the finest square in Europe. The architecture is outstanding. One side is dominated by the medieval Town Hall: all around are old guild houses. Gables and glited statues adorn the roofs. From the outdoor cales lining the square you can watch the bustle of the flower and bird markets.

On the north side, the black neo-Gothic Musée de la Ville has ornate rooms full of paintings, manuscripts and models of old Brussels. A small exhibition shows glass cabinets full of costumes such as a witch's cape and a full samurai outfit which have been donated from all around the world.

They are worn by the notorious Mannekin Pis nearby, a tiny statue of a boy considered to be the symbol of the city.



Cafe society: locals enjoy watching the world go by

Although cute, it is certainly not the finest of the many statues in Brussels, worth only a passing glance for the daily change of costumes.

The grand Upper Town is a stroll from the Grand Place. For some fresh air it is worth visiting the elegant Parc du Bruxelles, flanked by the grey but imposing Palais du Roi (open August and September).

At the nearby Musées Royaux des Beaux Arts 1 discovered bizarre works by Warhol. Dali and Magrine. alongside more obscure Belgian artists. Across the road it would be

easy to miss the tiny park of Place du Petit Sablon, decorated with 48 statues of guildsmen in tarnished copper. Set behind the fine 15th-century church of Notre Dame du Sablon, the park has beautiful flower beds and an old The best find of the

weekend was the Musée Instrumental, a hoard of unusual musical instruments. Ornamental Indonesian gongs and a recorder the length of a thumb are laid out beside Jew's harps, bagpipes and a 12ft Swiss alphorn. One room is dedicated to Adolphe Sax, inventor. Upstairs were exquisite pi-

anos, many 300 years old with ornate friezes and intricate designs. One piano was the size of a chocolate box with a rural painting inside the lid. The curator demonstrated

how an organ works by switching on a small working model. He also showed me the finger gym. a contraption of tiny rings and pulleys used by planists to strengthen their

The Atonium is a giant model of an iron molecule which looms above the Parc du Centaire. A glass-roofed lift carries you to the top, where you can travel from one giant golf ball to another. In each there was a badly planned exhibition — mostly cartoons. Since this giant folly was built in 1958, for the World Exhibition, it has been held up by Belgian optimists as a rival to the Eiffel Tower. This is an ambitious claim.

My preconception of Brussels as a city of grey suits had been proved wrong. Only when I stumbled on the Eurotempo shop did I see any evidence of blandness. There was row upon row of blue ashtrays, flagged cocktail sticks, brolleys and soap — all emblazoned with the 12 yellow stars of the EU. Next door the Euroline shop offered a board game. Euroracy. Its 48 pages of rules explained that the aim was "to form and maintain two consecutive governments of the same composition".

The shop assistant said that when it first came out it was played by EC office-workers during their coffee breaks. But she did not look surprised when I left empty-handed.

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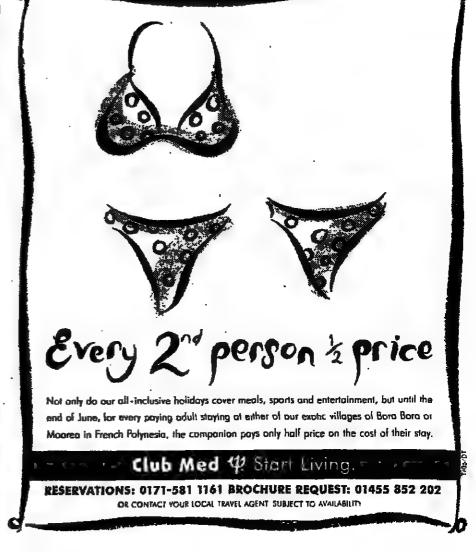
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my trial lesson in a little red Moth at Goodwood aerodrome in West Sussex, courtesy of Mithril Racing. Mithril's training package normally starts with a stint in the briefing room, where the instructors explain basic flight theory, the aircraft's controls and how it is flown,

Not for me and my bi mouth, however. On arrival, I decided to show off in school-boy style by identifying all the vintage aircraft sharing the Moth's hangar. I then boasted that I had flown gliders and aircraft simulators in the Air Training Corps, while omitting to say this was more than

15 years ago,
"OK," said Paul Mullen, my
pilot, "We'll skip the briefing."

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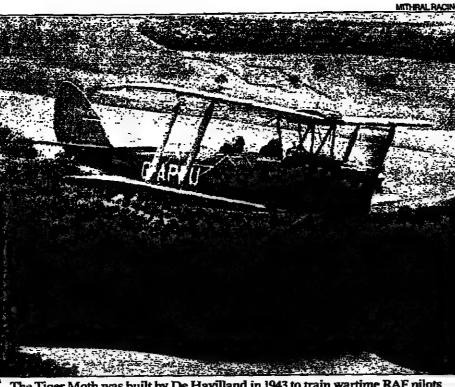
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The Tiger Moth was built by De Havilland in 1943 to train wartime RAF pilots

deep end. As the ground crew fitted me with flying helmet, intercom and goggles, my guts began to tighten. The aeroplane was tottered out. The skies loomed bright, cloudless and chilly; nevertheless, I was

As I clambered over the wing, between the struts and into the sparse open cockpit, the utter primitiveness of vint-age flying hit home. This Moth, built in 1943 by De Havilland to train wartime

original, with its faded instrument gauges, rough metal controls and worn canvas bodywork. I wondered whether just then, miles away in Kensington, London, a Sci-

the exhibits had gone. Contact. The engine clat-tered into action. The machine shook, my eyes clouded with dust, my lungs with fumes. I felt queasy with elation and fear. Through the headphones I faintly heard Paul asking if I

asking himself where one of

suddenly asked. "Love to." That made two lies in ten

turn." I was really flying. But hang on: in Tiger

nd then we did it -

highs. How was it? I cannot have to experience it vourself. tame, too artificial.

distilled joy, we turned back to the aerodrome. Paul had helpfully mentioned that Moths were easy to crash when landing, but there was no need to worry - we floated in for a perfect touchdown.

Mithril's trial-lesson customers are often former pilots who learnt on Moths, says Chris Taylor, the director. One 70-year-old had a photograph taken posing by the aircraft and sent a copy to Taylor. same pose 50 years before.

And so we took off, sedately, beautifully; so unlike the headlong roar of a jet airliner - the Moth just wafted upwards till there we were, 1,500ft aloft, with the Sussex coast below. "Want to take control?" Paul

minutes, "You have control," Paul declared with game-show glee. I gripped the Joystick stiffly, plagued by visions of the ground spinning towards me, of a smashed wreck burning fiercely in some poor farmer's field. "Take it down a hundred feet," he suggested. "Now pull up ... careful, ... don't stall it. Now try a right

Moths, pilot and passenger sit ries, the passenger taking the front cockpit. I could not see what Paul was up to. Maybe he had full control. only letting me think I was doing the driving. "Try going left now," he said. Just to check I really had control, I checked the sky was clear, and instead steered right. Blow me if the thing did not wheel rightwards. Part of me wanted to whoop with excitement, the other part was relieved to

the thing that put a Mona Lisa smile on my face for the rest of the week. "Want to do some tricks now?" Paul asked. Och, yes please. "Like what?" I replied, thinking, say it, go on say it. He gave the right answer: "We can loop the loop if you like

but looping the loop is a surefire entry on any list of lifetime even begin to tell you. You will But I will not bother with roller coasters again - too

After 30 fleeting minutes of

along with a snap of him in the



Andrew Edie, of Transport Command, based at Shore-ham-by-Sea, West Sussex, has the same experience. His company flies a 55-year-old North American Harvard of the type that trained about 10,000 wartime RAF pilots. It is much bigger than the Moth and brutally loud with its big. 600hp radial engine. Again, all flights are with qualified instructors and customers get

to try flying the machine. But what if the thought of playing Biggles does not grab you so much as the simple nostalgia of flying in a relic from a bygone age? Then consider relaxing as a passenger in a 1930s biplane airliner. The eight-seater De Havilland Dragon Rapide, with its

fine Art Deco lines, is the Orient Express of the air. Several are used for pleasure flights around Britain. Classic Wings flies two

Rapides from Duxford airfield in Cambridgeshire for nostalgic sightseeing. Air Atlan-tique, based at Coventry, also runs a splendid Rapide.

I flew with Classic Wings at a leisured 100mph above London, where we circled low over the capital's great sights. The little plane's large windows offer terrific views, but the real thrill is in tasting life: from a more sedate era: like flying business class but without the boredom.

Or perhaps taking off in a big old warbird would be more to your taste. This year South Coast Airways is flying a Douglas DC3 from Biggin Hill, Kent for pleasure flights, including trips to France and to summer airshows.

THE AIRSHOW SEASON

the season of the airshow, arguably Britain's noisiest speciator sport. There are usually a few civilian and around, but it's the warbirds old and new that pull the big crowds: Spitfires growl and Second World War bombers thunder, while the superpowers' latest jet-fighters screech through improbable aerobatics. This weekend is one of the season's first major shows: Biggin Hill's 35th International Air Fair (01959 572277). Jock Mait-land, the former RAF fighter pilot who has organised the Kent aerodrome's shows crowd of up to 100,000 people. "As well as all the aircraft, this weekend features a parade of military vehicles, a large funfair and about a hundred stands you could not get around it

Among the other big fly-ing-fests, Duxford (01223 835 000) holds its Fighter Collection Flying Legends show on July 12-13, with a sky full of classic wartime aircraft. Again the crowds are huge 40,000 people are expected - but the Cambridge

in a day," says Maitland.

shire airfield has the added attraction of the Imperial War Museum's air collection — hangars packed with restored machines and flying examples stripped down for maintenance. On August

1, it officially opens its new **£11 million Norman Foster** designed American Air Museum specially created around Duxford's massive B52 jet-bomber.

If the jet fighters and bouncy castles are not your style, the Shuttleworth collection, at Old Warden in Bedfordshire (01767 627288) offers a far more sedate



urday of every month until October, propeller-driven veterans from the Old Warden, Bedfordshire, museum potter into the air. And across the country, from Swanage to Fife, hundreds of smaller shows are busily being planned. The RAF Red Arrows (pictured) have a summer schedule including 61 displays (hotline 0891 664424). Proceeds to Red

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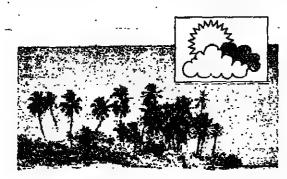
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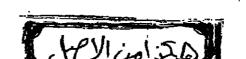
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Britain: 500 years after the Cornish rebellion, Adrian Mourby finds war and peace on the border

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Heroic tales from the riverbank

ve hundred years ago this month the first great Cornish Rebel-lion was put down and Cornwall's defeated army limped home across the Tamar. But they were soon back. in September 1497, rallying behind Perkin Warbeck into Devon in the hope of toppling

It is difficult to imagine the winding Tamar valley as a frontline war zone, but in Tudor times it was an angry border, as the new-deal monarch welched on the Celtic countries that had supported him when he seized the English crown. Because the Tamar runs virtually from coast to coast, it provided a readymade eastern boundary for the ancient Celtic kingdom. Athelstan had fixed the border there in 928AD because he was fed up with the Kernow trying to wrest Exeter from the Saxons. A trip up the Tamar is a journey through forgotten chapters in British history. My family and I started on the

Devon side in Plymouth because from here you can effect the most spectacular road crossing of the Tamar, travelling into Cornwall longside Brunel's curiously hooped railway bridge of 1859. A century before, Daniel Defoe had crossed by ferry. The author had not trusted the crossing and recorded: "I thought myself well escaped when I set foot safe in Cornwall.

Entering Cornish territory hy the modern Tamar Bridge, drivers will discover that the road and river immediately part company. It is a tribute to the importance of the Tamar in southern Cornwall that all roads seem to lead to it but none runs parallel. The river alone once did the important job of transporting heavy loads north and south. The web of local lanes only come alongside the Tamar to unload at isolated shorelines. We reached one of these, Halton Quay, by turning off the A388 and following signs to a tranquil hamlet with a tiny chapel where, according to legend, St Intract and his sister, St Dominicka, landed from Ireland during the Dark Ages to bring the Cornish back to Christianity. They did a good job because Cornwall is littered with holy wells and early Celtic crosses

R SHOW SEASON

North of Halton Quay stands Cotchele, a manor that John Betjeman once described as "the least changed mediaeval house in Britain". At

nish, under Sir Richard Edgcumbe, came out for Buckingham in his revolt against Richard III troublesome Cornish were at odds with most English monarchs). but when the king's arrived. Edgcumbe tricked his pursuers by pretending to dive into the Tamar. At the piace where he had thrown his hat — as ' a decoy — to float in the river, the owner of Cotchele built a chapel to commemorate that narrow escape, and you can visit it today. Farther upriver stands

Launceston, the ancient capital of Cornwall, which can be reached by several picturesque routes. If you prefer the back roads, an Ordnance Survey (Landranger 201) is essential. We took an indirect route via St Ann's Chapel and west along the A390 to arrive at Horsebridge. The river has seen much history here, including a bloody encounter between the royalists and parliamentarians in 1644. Having spent many centuries resisting English kings, the Cornish finally threw in their lot with Charles I during the Civil War because of their dogged adherence to Catholicism.

Crossing the bridge into



are spending the weekend travelling the Tamar. Try staying overnight in Plym-outh Hoe. The Forte Hotel on Cliff Road (01752 66228) has family rooms from E69, and a jolly family restaurant. The Waterfront (01752 226326), has great virtus accessed the hardour views across the harbour. Good food can be found at Cotchele, St Dominick, nr Saliash (01579 350434), and good ale at the Royal Inn.
Horsebridge (01822 870214).

The New Inn. High
Street, Clovelly (01237
431303), has B&B family rooms for £110 per night. If you don't want to spend two days tracing the source of the Tamar, a one-day excursion can be made of the valley's southern section by going direct from Plymouth to Cotehele, then Kit Hill, Horsebridge and Polson Bridge, Launceston, and back to Plymouth.

An exhibition of documents and artefacts relating to the Cornish uprising of 1497 is running until July 19 at the Public Records Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Sur-rey. Open 9.30am-5.30pm Monday to Friday. Free,

Royal Inn. Although not an ideal stopping place for a family — unfriendly signs prevent children entering various bits of this ancient inn the Royal does serve wonderful ale which is made in its own dinky brewery. We continued along the Devon side of the Tamer through Milton Abbot and Liftondown, the roads winding farther away from the river. One advantage of staying so long on the Devon side is that you can reenter Cornwall at Poison Bridge, just east of Launceston. In 1643, Polson was the site of another Civil War battle. The royalists won on this occasion, but they lost the replay in 1646.

ince the 14th century, the first son of the English monarch (also known as the Duke of Cornwall) has been presented with a riding cloak on this bridge when he makes his first entry into the duchy.

Launceston ought to be a good place to visit. There is a town trail to follow if you want to see the curious carved church of St Mary - which looks as if it has been tattooed all over --- or view the remains of the castle Sir Breville Gren-



ville defended against the Parliamentarians, but I've always found the town depressing. It needs more money spent on it.

As we headed north towards the Tamar's source, the A388 remained verdant. It was late afternoon, so at Bridgetown we headed for the B3254 in search of cream teas. The emptiness of North Cornwall soon became apparent and it Kilhampton (some 27 miles) that we spotted Clifton House, a friendly roadof us for £5.

There is nowhere obvious to stay in this part of North Cornwall so we spent the night in the Devon fishing village of



famous village. It is pricey but worth a visit. The next morning we resumed our search for the source of the Tamar.

Six miles south of Clovelly on the A39 we re-entered Cornwall and immediately to the left found a road leading across Woolly Moor that is signposted Bradworthy. At grid reference SS 271 166 (Landranger 190) a muddy accumulation of water skulks off into the bushes. This is the beginning of the Tamar, named after the fabled goddess who was changed into a river by her father because she rejected all her suitors. No one was interested enough to get out of the car and look. We took the A39 back towards Plymouth, calling in on the Tamar Lakes Water Park which is a pleasant enough spot to buy coffee and even fish then on the B3254 back to

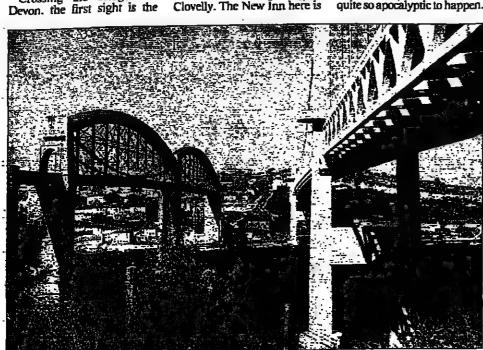
> Launceston, which was looking closed the Sunday lunchtime rain. Fortunately, my wife had bought sandwiches and by the time we reached Kit Hill on the A388, the sun come out enough for us to find a view where

we could eat them. Kit Hill is a huge granite cylinder which the Tamar has carved off from Dartmoor. The ancient Kernow once atop this 1,000ft mound and in the Civil War the king's loyal Cornishmen invested it

mentarian attack that never Having finally breached the Tamar, the English army bypassed this forti-fied bill and subdued the

Cornish elsewhere From the top of Kit Hill on a clear day the view is wonderful. I could see all the way back to Tamar Lakes and that muddy moorland rivulet. Nationalists point out that a prolonged burst of global warming would raise sea levels sufficiently to flood the Tamar and sever Cornwall from England altogether, cre-

ating a huge Celtic island. But as we drove back to Plymouth on the A388 it didn't seem necessary for anything



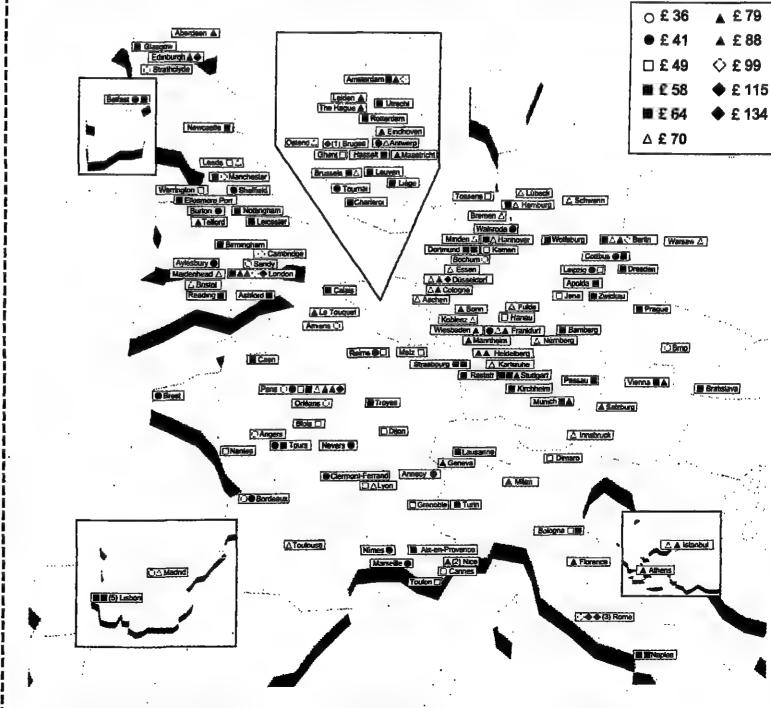
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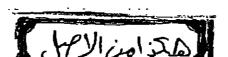
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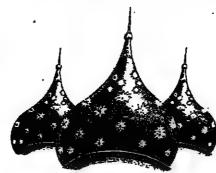
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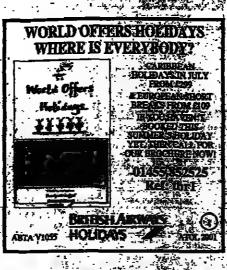
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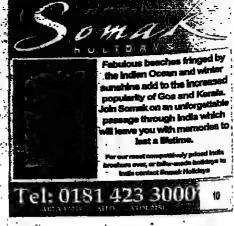


















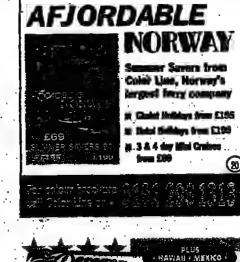










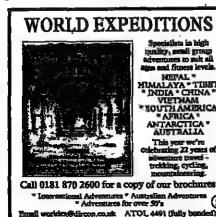














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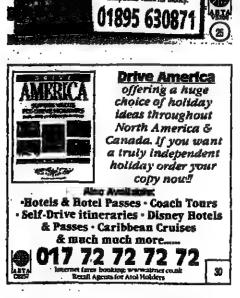
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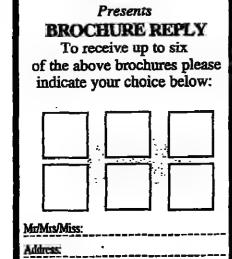
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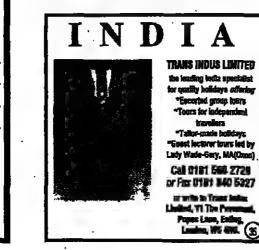
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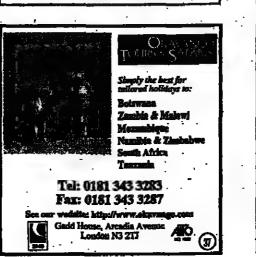
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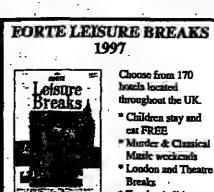
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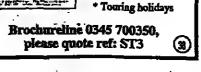
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CHESS

by Raymond Keene

HOWARD STAUNTON is known not just as one of Britain's greatest chess players, but also as the originator of the Staunton-pattern thess pieces, now the norm in all national and international competitions. Additionally, he was a most active organiser, masterminding the first international tournament - held at London in 1851. As a writer of books and chess columns he was second to none. If one realises also that Staunton had been a Shakespearean actor, produced his own three-volume edition of Shakespeare's works and was engaged on a history of the British educational system when he died, it becomes clear that here was a towering renaissance per-sonality who fortunately turned his talents towards chess.

It was a disgrace that no fitting memorial to Staunton existed. For decades he has lain in an unmarked grave at Kensal Green cemetery, north London, In 1993 the Staunton Society was formed to rectify this injustice and I am leased to announce that on Monday July 28 at 11am a polished black granite monument in his honour, designed by Barry Martin, the artist, will be unveiled at Kensal Green. Later that day, the summer dinner of the Staunton Society, attended by masters, grand masters and VIPs of the these world, will be held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the 19thcentury home of chess and one of Staunton's frequent haunts.

Here is a fine game from the match which many regard as having elevated Staunton to the status of unofficial world champion.

White: Staumton; Black: Saint Paris, Match (2nd game) 1843 Benozi Defence

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Black's opening looks dubious, combining the worst features of the Benoni and Dutch Defences. However, recent investigations by grandmaster Jonathan Levitt have proved that it may be playable.

Even stronger is 6 dxe6 Bxe6 7 e4.

This is much too slow. Both 6 . . . f4 and 6 . . . h6 are superior. Bxf5 8 Nh4 Bc8

To stop occupation of f5 but now the pin on f6 becomes acute. 12 Bxc4 exf4

Saint Amant's original intention had probably been to play 12 ... Qb6+, but now he realises that 13 Khi Qxb2 14 fxe5 would be suicidal for Black.

Nbd7 14 Qd4 Ne5 Nfd7 16 Bxe7 Qxe7 Rf8 18 Rxf8+ Qxf8 15 Re1 17 Ne4 19 Nxd6+

This move essentially crushes Black's resistance since 19...Oxd6 fails to 20 NB when the e-file pin ensures that White will emerge two pawns ahead.



Black tries one last desperate throw to disrupt White's queenside phalanx, but now Staunton strikes him down with a series of finely

abcdefgh

Nh5 If 29 ... Oxb4 30 Oxf6 wins. 30 Nd8+ Ka6 31 bxc5 Nxf4

conceived tactics.

If you wish to attend the unveiling ceremony for the Staunton monument or the Staunton Society summer dinner (£25), contact Barry Martin, 98 Cole Park Road, Twickenham TWI IJA (0181-744 2868).

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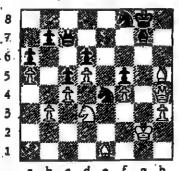
By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Damljanovic -Popovic, Yugoslavia 1997. White has just retreated his bishop to el. This was very careless. Can you

see why? . Send your answer on a post-card to The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The first correct answer drawn on Thursday will win a year's subscription to the Staunton Society, which includes a free invitation to the annual dinner at Simpson's-inthe Strand. The answer will be peblished next Saturday.

Last week's solution: 1 Qxd6

Last week's winner: M Russell, Blandford, Dorset.



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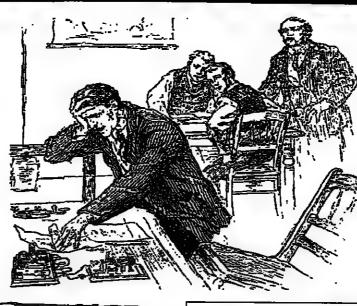
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READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine (reproduced from Westminster Libraries. Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

The cartoon will be printed again next week with a caption from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Strand Caption 56, The Times, I Pennington Street, London Ĕl 9XN.

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The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Marion Jacks of Telscombe Cliffs, Sussex

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SPONG a. A children's card game b. An arsenical compound c. A piece of land

NOCKERL a. A word game b. A shot at Curling

c. A dumpling NOCK

a. A small fish b. Part of a how c. To mistire

NUMINAL

a. Divine b. Nominated c. Numbered

Answers on page 17

BRIDGE -

by Robert Sheehan

THE EUROPEAN Championships start tomorrow, in Montecatini Terme, Italy, and continue for two weeks. The British Open ream is Gus Calderwood and Dick Shek, Justin and Jason Hackett and Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick. with Tony Priday non-playing caprain (NPC) and David Burn coach. This will be the Hackett twins' first European, although they played in the 1996 Olympiad. The other two pairs have not finished higher than seventh in their previous outings, so the team may find it hard to clinch one of the qualifying spots (the first five) for the Bermuda

The Ladies team's chances look much brighter. Nicola Smith, Pat Davies and Sandra Landy are previous winners of the world championship and the other play-ers, Liz McGowan and Heather Dhondy, and Michele Handley are all experienced. The NPC is Jimmie Arthur, and Brian Senior is coach. Liz McGowan won the Solomon Award for the best played hand of 1992. It occurred in a match

between Britain and Austria. **A 103** ♥Q104 ***A653 +**A54 **♦**KQJ872 +9854 **▼J873 +08742 + 109**

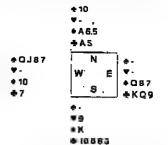
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◆108832 Contract: Six Hearts by South Lead: king of spaces

Vigorous pre-emption by East-West pushed North-South too high: 2 S(1) Dble(2) 4 S All Pass

Liz McGowan ruffed the spade lead, cashed the king of hearts, finessed the ten of hearts, cashed the queen of hearts and ace of spades throwing a club, finessed the jack of diamonds and then ran the trumps to leave this the ending:



Notice the importance of keeping the king of diamonds in hand. That was critical for communication between the North-South hands.

On the last trump dummy threw a spade and East had no answer. If she throws a diamond, declarer cashes the king of diamonds and crosses to the ace of clubs to cash dummy's two wirming diamonds. If East throws a club, ace and another club establishes two long clubs in the South hand, with the king of diamonds as entry - the ace of diamonds is no longer needed. Reports of the European championships will appear in the daily

column in Sport.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

ONE of the world's most powerful The cars are only part of the stylish appeal of this re-vamped title. The courses by Tim Wapshott cars is a Ford. The Ford GT90 is the automotive giant's first supercar sparkle, too. Most straightforeffort since the GT40 Mk III racer of the sixties. It uses innovative ward is Norway's 3.2 mile modular engine technology that racing circuit, the only place permits fusing sections of two you can drive with the accelerator pedal slammed permaseparate engines together to pronently against the floor. duce a hybrid powerplant capable of generating 720 horsepower and The other courses are much more demanding. Australia's 4.7 mile route takes in both

Heat from the exhaust can reach ,500 degrees Fahrenheit, so ceramic insulation tiles similar to those on the US Space Shuttle keep the car's body from melting. But this is a car which is even outside the pocket of a Camelot director since it remains a prototype. However, rich or poor, you can take one for a spin in Electronic Arts' masterful Need for Speed II. The Ford GT90, with its menac-

ing demeanour, is the jewel in the crown of this majestic sequel. The nine other cars lay claim to a bunch of equally impressive statistics, with an up-to-date selection including the hand-built, gull-wing-doored Isdera Commendatore 112i. the limited edition five-speed Jaguar XJ220, the six-speed V-8 twin turbo Lotus GTI, the Formula ! inspired Ferrari F50 and the 0-60in-3.2-seconds McLaren Fl.

speeds of over 220mph.

the tower blocks of Sydney and the vast carryons of the country's scorching Outback. Northern Europe features a clutch of complementary sights, like windmills and a fairytale castle, in a course which also has nasty bends with lethal switchbacks. The five-mile Canadian track motors through cityscape and rain forest, yet the most

found in Nepal with its remote, cloud-piercing mountainous route. The graphics in Need For Speed Il are breathtakingly beautiful, so inviting you may want to chug along slowly some days just to take in the stunning views. The obstacleridden courses include villages, flooded bridges, several prolonged

tunnels and large wooden crates

treacherous encounters are to be

The graphics in Need For Speed II are breathtakingly beautiful

which litter some stretches of road. Of course, it's when the backgrounds and obstacles are flashing past hysterically fast that they work to best effect.

Based around a totally new gam engine, this is currently the most powerful four-wheel racer you'll find outside of the arcade. Given the choice of beefier racers plus infinitely more difficult routes,

Electronic Arts had to find a way to still make it welcoming to novices. The answer is a choice of three difficulty levels. Another addition complements the all-important footbrake, a handbrake. Everything about this title is slicker, even cancelling the thudding music track is noticeably quicker. First time around, as well

as circuits, some races covered straight courses divided into three contrasting sections. Now all the courses are complete circuits, which must be raced over a minimum of two laps, and this, sadly, does away with any feelings that you are making an authentic mad-cap, lifeendangering dash on public roads. The original title came

out over two years ago, first on the now near-obsolete 3D0 system before turning up on most other formats. Need For Speed II has been released initially for Sony PlayStation and PC, running Windows 95. It works well on both but looks best on the PlayStation, since you can sit right back from the screen to fully soak up those sumptuous graphics. Of all the console games stacked untidily around my television for the last few years. Need For Speed was certainly the one played most - on the Sega Saturn to boot. I rarely beat my taxi-driving mate Dave who makes an awesome racing opponent. He, too, delights in the impressive sequel which has all the indications of sitting high in the pile for several years more.

Then Dave came up with what is, to my mind, a superb idea for Need for Speed III. "What we really want next," he confided, "is the chance to race the world's most luxurious cars on open roads, like Bentleys and Rolls Royces. Either that, or stretch limousines and juggernaut lorries." Don't forget, you read these ideas first in The Times.

A reminder that every Top Tip published wins its author a current Microsoft PC title. Submissions please, along with all your other correspondence, to Computer Games & Pastimes, Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. This week's Top Tip comes from John Rushton of west London: "Save on valuable disc space by putting your monitor screen face down on a photocopier and taking paper copies of files before deleting them."

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4 With all ideas exhausted

6 "Lost" girl (Winter's Tale) (7)

7 Room under church (5)

16 (Oft. bedtime) drink (5)

12 Erupt; escape (prison) (5.3) 14 A poison; can rise (anag.) (7)

tion (5)

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5 Neat (4)

3 First-rate (3-5)

15 Playhouse (7)

through the arch thus formed. The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations (4th edition) and Chambers (1993) are recommended.

ACROSS

Mixture of light crust and puff (5) One longs to get letters (7) Bent double, dropping tee, clearing away leaves at

Troon? (7) "Ring" for one? Not just one work (5) Abrupt change of direction by one traveller (5) Pronounced, I see, like onomatopoeia? (7) Take courage and try red wine, wasting time (7) The money at risk is the total receipts (5) Unspiritual Scots miser keeps one back (6) They measure pearls cast - not half - before swine

Prickly plant in earth this little piggy brought back Old walrus chasing a tailless fish into local drain

(6, 2 words) It's heartless keeping daughter tied up? (6)
Lakes for sailors in Navy? On the contrary (5) Test I have set primarily for these reasons (7) One's no good alter dropping winter sport (7) Two men and a humble char (5) One who longs to grasp carpentry initially is

gripping tool (6)
Rewards compliance in spies (6)
One destroying old list held back, wanting to retain name within (12)

Obese lady pops (6) Feasible one can enter sea with punts? (6) Put down weak parrot-like performance (5) Temporary dwellings: excellent in the majority of crowded conditions (7) Copper to provide entertainment around court

house (7) Produce sport, having trained outside (5) Shrinks existed to protect nutty eccentrics, primarily Model secretary suffered (7)

Biblical book? Not book they establish as true (7) One word meaning 'attention' (almost archaic) (5)

DOWN

Scoundrel almost destroyed Italian magistracy (7) A bit of a cell containing a queen is the start of success for us (9)

Foolish mum let... (7) .. children endlessly provoke menopause (6) Songs are able to cross boundaries of nations, enthralling one (8)

Purely temporary in a Conservative government (6) See — constellation alters (6) Fence's partner is trouble (8) Beer? Tectotaller's into that, by the sound of it! (6)

Fruit's speed of descent, we hear (7) Dismiss clergy in penitential garb (9) Spelaeologist, doffing helmet, grabs stone - it may contain iron (7)
Defeated in public argument in outskirts of Hendon

To wit, horse (name needed) (4) Remove top from instant pudding (4) Versatile manual worker all but confines cattle (10) Desire, perhaps, revealed by St. Austin? (9) Coaches left without one? Then one will need

another form of this! (9)
After early struggle, a fiddler becomes one who sounds like Bell (9)

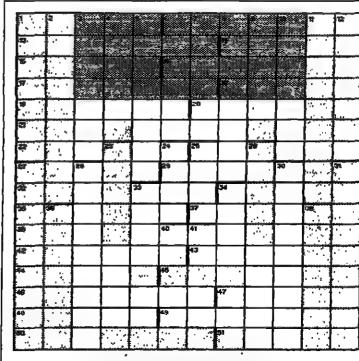
A bird to bag brass rings? (8) Chemicals in food give a touch of poisoning to Bell Present holder of chair at Heriot-Watt not entirely able (7)

Aquatic polyzoan — millions are clogging base (6, 2 words) Blanket charge accepted by judge (6)

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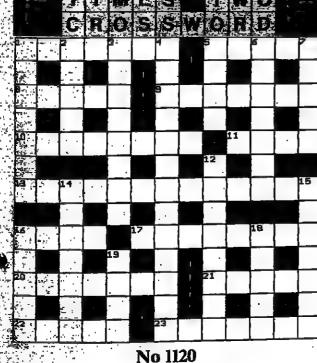


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Peak, horn of moon (4)

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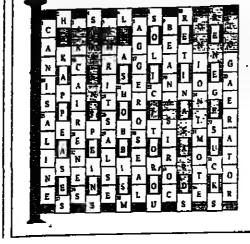
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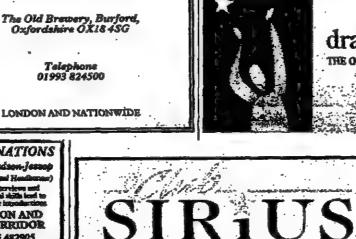
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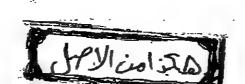
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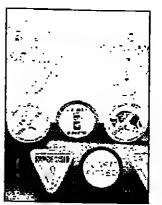


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Rolls's marathon Ghost hits 90

Vaughan Freeman rides the legend that made the

maker's name for reliability

drive non-stop for 15,000 miles without developing a single mechanical fault would be even in these days of computer-controlled engines, air conditioning and anti-lock brakes, a major achievement.

After all, how many of us would confidently fill our cars with sandwiches, toffees and Thermos flasks of coffee, and head off without hope of AA or RAC rescue, for a 2,000-mile aunt around Scotland followed by 27 non-stop journeys from Glasgow to London?

Then would come the final test: the car stripped down after a drive that equates to two years' non-stop driving for absolutely no significant wear.

That, exactly 90 years ago, is what happened to the Silver Ghost, probably the most famous Rolls-Royce of all, in an finest and most reliable vehi-

This at a time when most roads were little more than gravel tracks, when street ighting was unheard of, garages few and far between, and proper roadside recovery ervices a far-off dream.

o mark the anniversary of that historic drive, more than -80 ever the world this week joined the original Silver Ghost, registration number AX 201 and worth an estimated £15 million, to retrace its toute over the 750 miles of the 1907 Scottish Reliability Trial.

To ride in the Silver Ghost (there is only one, and AX 20) carries a silver plaque to remind the world of the fact) is to sit where almost every King and Queen of Europe, and even Kaiser Bili, has sat.

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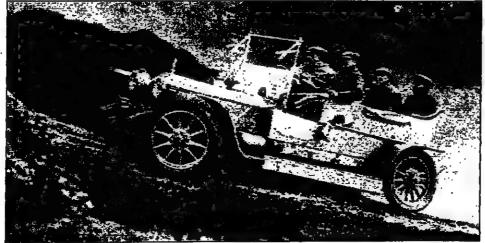
On the move, the Silver Ghost wafts along, its engine barely ticking over while cruising between 45 and 50mph. Its spindly wooden wheels (they need watering to stop them clicking) rotate at odd angles to the body, which in turn meanders gently between kerb and white line as the vague steering goes its own way.

From the front seats the view is splendid, across that majestic bonnet with the gigantic headlamps. In the rear. amid green leather upholstery, there is enough space for five-a-side soccer match, although the lack of roof. windows and heater became

freezingly apparent. Brainchild behind the original motoring marathon was the first managing director of Rolls-Royce, Claude Johnson. So influential was Johnson in encouraging the development of the early Hon. Charles Stuart Rolls/Sir Frederick Henry Royce partnership that



Spirit of endurance: the Silver Ghost was this week joined by more than 80 Rolls-Royces from all over the world to retrace the route it took on the 750-mile-long Scottish Reliability Trial 90 years ago



The feat was achieved on roads that were mostly little more than unlit gravel tracks

"hyphen in Rolls-Royce". In 1907 the record for nonstop motoring stood at 7,089 miles. With Johnson driving. the Silver Ghost set out to take the record in style, starting with a 2,000-mile trip from Hatfield to Darlington and on

he became known as the

to and around Scotland. On the way, the two-ton Ghost was timed at a smidgeon under 53mph for a flying quarter mile and averaged around 21mpg. In Scotland,

the car won a gold medal for excellence in hill climbing, reliability and fuel consumption in the Scottish Reliability Trial, then headed for London, 512 miles away. And then Glasgow, and back to London, and so on.

For five weeks, the Silver Ghost covered 410 miles a day, with Johnson at the wheel for the first 4,558 miles, when he handed over to a team of three, including Charles Rolls himself. For the most part, the car

ran non-stop day and night without a single involuntary stop except for punctures. It was then stripped by RAC engineers who concluded that the Silver Ghost showed no measurable wear to the engine, transmission, brakes or

The total repair bill was £285s 2d, and the total runcosts amounted to £281 8s 4d. The Silver Ghost. Johnson and Rolls-Royce, had easily proved their point.

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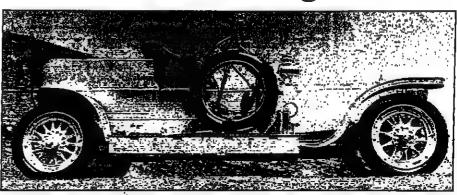
■ CLAUDE JOHNSON, Rolls-Royce's first managing director, drove The Autocar's man from London to Bexhill and back in the twelfth of the new 40/50 horse power cars to be completed in 1907, writes

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu. The journalist was en-chanted: "At whatever speed this car is being driven on its direct third, there is no engine so far as sensation goes, nor are one's auditory nerves troubled driving or, standing by a fuller sound that emanates from an eightday clock."

The legend was born. Still unfinished, that car had left the Manchester factory only a few days earlier, but its uncanny silence had already earned it the nickname of the Silver Ghost and after that road test it was sent away for its body to be painted with aluminium paint and its metal parts to be silver-

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cluding the Scottish Reliability Trial, without a breakdown was not only a record but a near miracle in those days, when even the most frequently benighted by mechanical failures. When the Royal Automobile Club's engineers dismantled the car after the run, it was found to be "in all respects in perfect running order and in excentionally good condition...

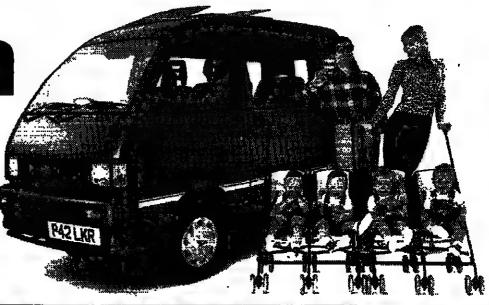
Had the car been in the hands of a private owner, no replacements would have been considered necessary". The weekly Motor maga-

zine called the trial "the best object lesson on the durability of the modern motor that could possibly be given". The Automotor Journal. meanwhile praised "one of the most conclusive — if not the most conclusive — trials of downright merit in tour-

ing car construction which the world has ever seen". The Silver Ghost made Rolls-Royce a byword for excellence, and the Rolls-Royce my father ordered in 70hp model, named Dragonfly - so delighted him that to the end of his days his main car was a Rolls-Rovce. But how I wish he had kept Dragonfly, as no 70hp mod-

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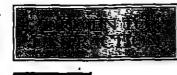
The Government looks set to introduce 20mph limits in built-up areas, but is failing to tackle similarly dangerous problems on dual carriageways did not. But it was built, is now

New road policy isn't up to speed

he announcement by Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, that he is reviewing speed limits mean that there may be a quid pro quo in the shape of increased motorway limits. This is not so: we shall not shortly be whizzing along motorways at autobahn speeds. Indeed, Mr Strang's move will cover traffic management as well as pure speed.

There is a near certainty, however, that the main outcome will be a 20mph limit in built-up areas. Many places already have such a limit, for local authorities can apply to the Government on an individual basis.

So a wider 20mph limit will be accepted without much dissent, because the Government will focus the need for speed reduction on



Peter Barnard

stopping children being knocked down while playing in the street. This will be yet another example of the motorist having to pay for the ills of society. The blunt truth is that children should not be allowed to play in busy residential streets but it happens for several reasons, including irresponsible parents and hopeless planning.

Many of the street accidents involving children are caused not by speed per se but by on-street parking, which restricts the vision of both driver and child. Yet we still build housing estates and council blocks without safe play areas and with inadequate offstreet parking. Putting right those wrongs would cost billions of pounds, whereas lowering the speed limit is cheap.

There is a better case for installing speed cameras in urban zones and retaining the 30mph limit, but that would also be an expensive process. And there is no guarantee that the lower limit will have any effect on maniacs who drive at crazy speeds

read is inevitable. Opponents of lower limits will The Department of Transport says that because speed limits on find no comfort in the statistics. An

increase of one mile an hour in the their own are ignored by many people, the emphasis will have to average speed of traffic raises the death toll by 7 per cent and on traffic management. So we increases the number of accidents are likely to see a combination of by 5 per cent. Drivers may well feel lower limits and engineering measures, including humps and chifrustrated by speed limits, but they canes. I hate these things, but their

Having read this far, you may think I have suddenly become a champion of Government trans-

port policy. This would never do. Let me look for something Mr Strang ought to be doing, but probably won't. Ah yes, dual carriageway speed limits.

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You may remember Batheaston by-pass: nearly everyone in the little village Batheaston, near Bath, wanted the road, but Swampy and his mates open ... with a 50mph limit. This is very odd and it is by no means peculiar to Batheaston. I have driven on four dual carriageways with 50mph limits just in the

course of researching this column.
The national speed limit for dual carriageways is 70mph, the same as motorways. I happen to think that is ridiculous, but I also think that nothing frustrates drivers more than a limit that has no logic.

Take Batheaston: we are reduced to 50mph on the dual carriageway, but as soon as the dual carriageway turns into the single carriageway A46, the limit ends. So, on a more dangerous road, the limit increases to 60mph.

That is plainly absurd, and to overcome the absurdity I will offer Mr Strang a deal that I think most motorists would support. He should reduce the national dual carriageway limit to 60mph. In exchange there would be no 50mph dual carriageways except where the road has frequent roundabouts or traffic lights.

This plan will enable Mr Strang to make two clear safety moves: reduce a limit to cut accidents and increase a limit to cut frustration. a factor which leads to accidents. Over to you, Minister.

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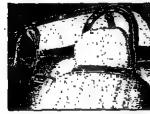


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Orders await new CLK

■ MORE THAN 1,600 orders have been logged for the new Mercedes CLK coupé on sale next week. Mercedes expects to sell around 3,000 a year, at £26,640 for the 200 Sport and Elegance, £30,840 for the 230 Kompressor Sport and Elegance and £36,640 for the 320 Sport and Elegance.

Paper's going, going, going, Tony Dawe on an auctioneer's

high-tech bid

saving of time, money and paper, plus the ability to track details of a car throughout the operation and thwart scams such as the "ringing" and "clocking" of second-hand

This has been a paperdriven business for too long." says Ron Leader, chief execurive of National Car Auctions. "Every sale can generate 30 pieces of paper, from collection notes, through engineer's re-ports and fraud checks to confirmation of sale.

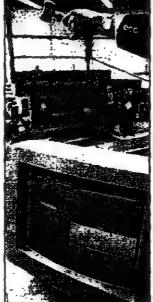
There is tremendous scope for things to go wrong, for a vital document to go missing. Getting all the pieces of paper together in the same place at the end of the day could prove a nightmare, so I started to look at ways of getting rid of

Mike Pepper logs in each car's registration numbers, which are checked for legitimacy before the facts go to the auctioneer's screen

Leader sought the help of the Ford Motor Company, a major client, to help achieve his aim. "I asked the company how we could take information from them electronically. deal with it here electronically. auction the cars electronically and send the details back to them electronically."

With Ford's co-operation and software from AT&T, National Car Auctions can now sell vehicles used by the motor company's staff with minimal documentation. "The only paper we produce is a report to Ford, which the company's auditors need, and a hard copy invoice for the purchaser," says Leader.

The paperless exercise begins when the Ford cars arrive at NCA's headquarters at Frating, near Colchester, Essex. Armed with their hand-



It takes around seven minutes to mark all details, including interior decor and dents

held computers, which were developed by the Army for use in rugged conditions. Mike Pepper, the entry supervisor, and his team log in the registration numbers using a computer pen and then scroll down the screen to find the model and colour of the car in front of them.

that serves as his base.

computer file on each car isamended as details about MoT certificates and security checks are received. Auction catalogues are generated by computer. When the car finally enters the auction room. Glen Moore, the senior auctioneer, refers to his screen

instead of a sheaf of papers. Clearly displayed in front of

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its registration plate, mileage,

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When we first tried to

low Ford's example, few were

interested," he says. "But in the past few months, as more

and more businesses become

paperless, there has been a

complete turnaround and I am

hoping that paper in our

business will be a thing of the

up with the buyers as well. If

one was looking for a specific

model that was not in the

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We would also like to link

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on the slip roads and roundabout. Various lane: M40 Oxfordshire. Resurfacing work between Wattington and Oxford. Drivers heading to junction 8 of the M40 from Oxford are advised to use A40 and A418. M25 junctions 8-10, Surrey. Restrictions and lene closures both ways between Reigate

e SOUTH-WEST B4051 Bristol, Ashley Road, Saint Pauls, Temporary lights at junction with Sussax Place. M5 junctions 18-19, Bristol. Contraflow across Avonmouth Bridge with 50mph limit. A40 Cheltenham. Gloucestershire. Temporary lights for roadworks on Old Bath Road. A3088 near Yeovil. Cartgate Link Road closed.

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A6 Lockington,
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roadworks between M1 junction 24 and Sawley Island. A1074 Norwich, Nen

Dereham Road. AS00 Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, Contrallow on The Queensway (D road), with only one lane open each way between Talke and Porthill.

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A567 Bootle, Stanley Road

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O WALES A48 Carmarthen, Lane closures at Pensam roundabout, also on the A484, for roadworks, A449 Monmouthshire Roadworks between Usk Junction and M4 junction 24 Newport. Expect long ways near the docks entrance on main dual carriageway into Swansea from M4. A472 Pontypool, Torlaen. Contraflow between Pontymoile and Heron

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AUTOFAX by Les Evans and David Long



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for decades, are moving to-

wards the 21st century as

computers begin to replace the

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In a revolution which would

baffle Arthur Daley, National Car Auctions is relying on new

technology to sell cars at the

From the moment a vehicle

arrives at the company's gates

to the time it is delivered to its

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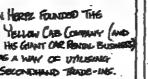
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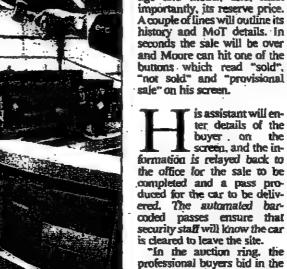
skilfully as his gavel.

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traditional way with the mini-mum of effort," says Leader. technology is that they can speak to the auctioneer's assistant and get details of previous or forthcoming lots in seconds without having to go in to the office and ask someone to dig out the paperwork." now established as paperless auctions, Leader plans to in-

"It takes an average of seven minutes to mark every detail of the car, including interior decor and dents, on the computer," says Pepper, The information is then downloaded via telephone line from the shed

In the company's offices, the

clients electronically, and if the right car was out there it could him are the car's lot number. be in the sale within hours."

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So to sit in £1 million worth of 1950s Le Mans Jaguar D-Type in the pit lane at the Goodwood racetrack is astonishing. I was at Goodwood with the 96 Club, a collection of like-minded enthusiasts-cum lunatics.

This is a return to an age when racing drivers in baggy boiler suits sprinted across the Le Mans track to leap into their cars and roar off to glory. It is also horrifically

I was passenger in the exworks 1955 car, painted, of course, in British racing green. This long-nose D-Type actually ran at Le Mans, driven by champions Doncan Hamilton and Le

Mans winner Ivor Bueb. The D-Type's token passenger seat was cunningly designed so that an L-shaped



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Kevin Eason previews Britain's beloved race — the Le Mans 24 hours

Can Panoz score a sneaky gotcha?

While Noel Edmonds' team hopes for a surprise win. other Brits have a

ore British than a British Airways logo, more romantic Mel Gibson, more exciting than the Cresta Run: Le Mans is the most evocative name in world motor racing.

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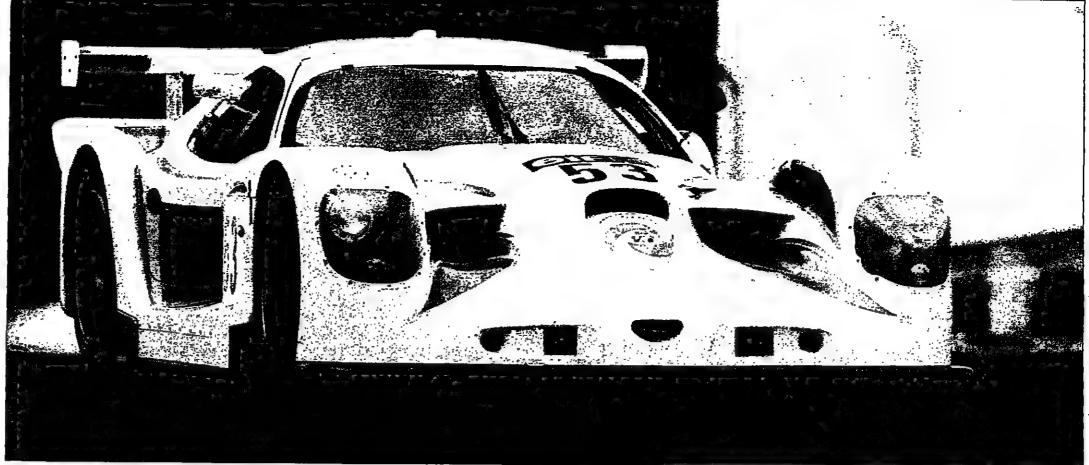
The 24-hour endurance race starts this afternoon with one of the most competitive grids for years, and 70,000 Brits will be there to watch — the biggest crowd of enthusiasts outside of the Silverstone grand prix.

The curious hold of the event over the British is a theme that runs through Le Mans like Blackpool through a stick of rock. It is not just that British-made cars dominate the grid or that British drivers have been immensely successful at Le Mans, but somehow the cross-channel bond has survived every up and down in the Franco/British relationship. W. O. Bentley is revered by the

little town's inhabitants, who constantly refer to the marque's series of four victories in the earliest days of the event. Maybe that is where the bond was formed, for the Bentley boys in their roaring opentop monsters created a legend: dashing, aristocratic, courageous and devil-may-care.

Whatever it was, Le Mans holds a place in the affection of British race fans like no other — which is what attracted Noel Edmonds, who will be in the pits following the fortunes of his Panoz team this weekend.

Panoz exemplifies the romance of the race: a supercar built by the entrepeneurial Irish-American, Don Panoz, engineered by Reynard in Oxfordshire, raced by the seasoned British team, David Price Racing, and backed by Unique Sport, the company owned by entrepeunerial television star Edmonds. The front-engined



The British-built, front-engined Panoz should be little more than an outsider against the might of McLaren, Ferrari and Porsche, but anything can happen over 24 hours of dramatic racing

Panoz should be little more than an outsider against the might of McLaren, Ferrari or Porsche, so a victory first time out in this gruelling marathon should be out of the question.

But anything can happen over 24 hours, when reliability is sometimes tested to destruction and drivers lose concentration in the dark hours of a long night with devastating results.

Edmonds is optimistic: "The works teams obviously are geared up for an event like this but we have a great car, great drivers and

anything can happen over such a long period of racing The best chance of a victory on a first Le Mans appearance should fall though to Martin Brundle. The grand prix television commentator and ex-Formula One racer will be

lead driver for the astonishing



Panoz-backer Noel Edmonds

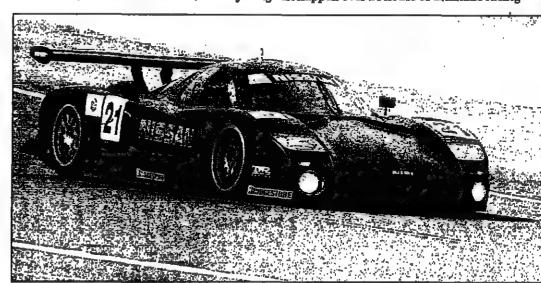
TWR Nissan, which set the fastest time in pre-qualifying.

The car is not only beautiful, its chassis is prepared by TWR, the Oxfordshire team that prepares Damon Hill's Arrows FI car and which won Le Mans twice for Jaguar. It also made the chassis for last year's Joest Porsche.

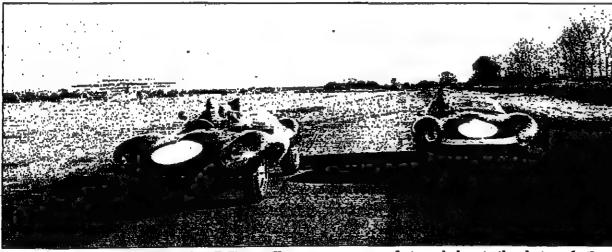
The twin-turbocharged V8 looks to be reliable as well as quick, while the team not only boasts Brundle but also the experience of Ricardo Patrese, former long-time

But Brundle will have to pedal furiously to get past the McLarens, which this year come freshened for the new battle with longer, aerodynamic tails. They still look the pick of the field, as the huge BMW V12powered McLarens are both powerful and reliable - and they won wo years ago.

Armchair enthusiasts can follow their fortunes on television with the race live on the Eurosport satellite channel. The race also features in two television specials planned by Noel Edmonds following the fate of the Panoz team. Check The Directory television section in The Times for details.



TWR Nissan, driven by ex-Formula One racer Martin Brundle, was fastest in pre-qualifying



Sound, fury and twitchy steering: D-Types offer no passenger comfort or wind-protection, but so what?

Driving the D-type legend

Vaughan Freeman on Jaguar's t is 40 years since one of the most famous and beautiful 1950s hat-trick winner evocative cars to have graced Le Mans took the last of its three-in-a-row victories. aluminium bar bit into my backside. With knees forced The car was the D-Type Jaguar, which had won Le Mans in 1955 and 1956. In up to the chest by a minimal 1957 though, the hat-trick was recorded in crushing footwell, my legs weaved in and out of wiring looms and style as D-Types routed the opposition to take first, secvarious other bits and pieces. I couldn't leave my feet down

there too long anyway - the and, third, fourth and sixth floor gets so hot that shoes places on the twisting track. have been known to melt. Only a handful of the cars Even the minimalist perthat raced at Le Mans still spex screen makes no effort survive. Many, having finto protect the passenger. ished their races were re-Once speeds got into three turned to Jaguar's Coventry figures, a hurricane roared works and scrapped. Others into my visor and lifted the that did survive to race in helmet so that the strap historic car events have since threatened to garrotte me. All been destroyed.

this was forgotten as I hur-tled around Goodwood. At the wheel was Chris Keith-Lucas, of Sussex Jaguar specialists Lynx Motors. who lives and breathes D-Types. As we built up speed

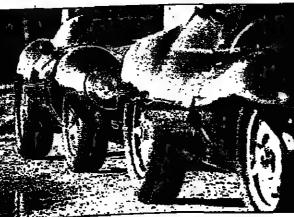
the car squirmed, slipped and slid as if alive. The trucksized steering wheel twitched, and over the helmet intercom I could hear less than reassuring "whoahs"

from my pilot.

original D-types are slightly twitchy and have a sharp performance, but they are endless fun to drive. The cars have a lovely note to them." They are also, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful cars ever built. Modern Le Mans races are won by

Chris waxes lyrical: "The

brutal-looking machines. Beauty had sway when Jaguar and its D-Types ruled Le Mans in the late 1950s, and rivals included such exotic names as Ferrari, Aston Martin and Maserati The D-Type made its Le



Not just historic - these machines cost a million each

Mans debut in 1954, and the improve straight-line stability, made the cars instantly ecognisable. The first D-Type victory came with Mike Hawthorn and Ivor Bueb averaging over 107mph for the 24 hours.

Two years later, the win-ning D-Type, driven by Flockhart and Bueb, averaged 114mph, faster than the average speed of 108mph set more than 20 years later by the turbo-charged Porsche that took first place.

uring the 1966 race, two of the works Jaguar team D-Types crashed early in treacherous conditions and Hawthorn's car developed problems. The race was won by the Ecurie Ecosse D-Type of Ron Flockhart and Ninian Sanderson.

Shortly after the 1956 Le Mans race, Jaguar pulled out of motor racing, and its cars were transferred to the Ecurie Ecosse team. In 1957 an ex-works Ecurie Ecosse D-Type driven by Flockhart and Bueb won the race, and D-Types took all top six places bar the fifth slot which went to Ferrari.

The D-Type had staked its place in history, and together with the 1951 Jaguar XK120 victory and the 1953 C-Type Jaguar win, rooted the Jaguar name to its motorsport heritage, a tradition that lived again three decades later with the Jaguar XJR victories of 1988 and 1990.

British fans' birthday celebration

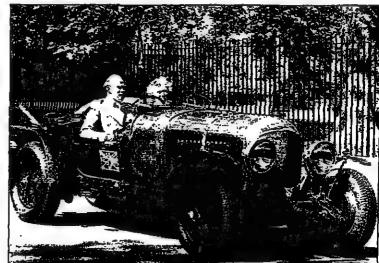
This year marks

Bentley's famous win

ODD THAT after 70 years, the legend is as strong as ever, writes Kevin Eason. The Le Mans crowds never applaud louder than when a motorcade of Bentleys serenely tours the circuit. Spectators can even congregate at W. O. Bentley square in the town.

Yet Bentleys have not won at Le Mans since 1930, though admittedly the famous British marque did notch up a string of four wins in a row. The first, in 1927, was the most famous though, as the redoubtable Dudley Benjafield and co-driver Sammy Davis nursed their car to the chequered flag after having been

involved in a devastating accident. To celebrate the anniversary, Prince Michael of Kent is joining members of the Benjafield Racing Club to drive a 412-litre Bentley to the race today where he will be welcomed by loyal enthusiasts.



Prince Michael of Kent and Stanley Mann drive a 42-litre Bentley

Walter Harris on the millionaire driver who built his own machines

rivers will climb out of their boiling cockpits every two hours to get through this week-end's race at Le Mans. Briggs Cunningham drove the entire race on his own ... and with the distinction of doing so in his own car.

Born into one of the richest families in America in 1907, Briggs Swift Cunningham became captivated by cars early in life, and encountered few obstacles in realising his antomobile ambitions.

Cunningham's cousins, the Colliers, owned a Madison Avenue advertising agency, and like Cunningham, became involved with motor racing. Influenced by the English Autocar magazine and the construction of Brooklands, they decided to build a similar track at their estate at Sleepy Hollow, on the Hudson near West Point. They also founded the Auto Racing Club of America.

The Colliers and their cousin raced against each other. Mike Collier had gone in for international motor racing before the war, but Cunningham wanted to do more than simply race cars designed and built by other people. He wanted to construct and race his own.

Le Mans was the focal point of the Cunningham's entry in racing. The Cun-

America's solo endurance hero



Briggs Cunningham, left, at the 1952 Le Mans race

ningham équipe, in its blue and white racing livery, first appeared at Le Mans in 1950. In those days, if a driver had the stamina and the endurance, there was nothing to stop him from staying at the wheel for the whole 24 hours, which Conningham did, except for a couple of laps, when he handed the wheel to his co-driver. But suspecting that his habit of tripping over restaurant ta-

bles might have more to do with his eyesight than mere clumsiness, Cunningham resumed driving himself, managing to keep awake and put

his eponymously named car

firmly on the racing map. America, which had never been particularly interested in races other than the Indy and lesser national events. began to realise that the Cunningham car and its creator were something to be

proud of. In spite of his privileged background and riches. Cunningham earned lasting affection and respect in his own country and

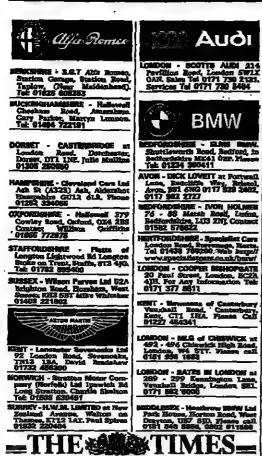
After 1964, the last year in which Cunningham cars raced at Le Mans, Cunningham entered teams of Jag-uars. Porsche 904s and

ver the years Briggs built up a vast collection of cars, incorporating at least one example of every marque ever built. This was housed in hangars at Sleepy Hollow, and in 1951 was augmented by the purchase at the Paris Motor Show of a Bugatti Royale only six were ever built. Weighing more than three tons and with a 148mph top speed, the Royale needed a driver of Cunningham's calibre to handle it.

Sold at auction at the Royal Albert Hall for £512 million, the Royale is now in South Korea, the property of the head of Samsung Electronics.

Cunningham's collection became a museum, open to the public and transferred from Sleepy Hollow to the Collier's Florida estate and on to Naples. It is a tribute, rather than a memorial, to a man who made his marque.

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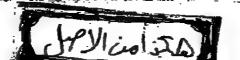
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My other joke is amusing: Britain's love of car stickers and other drollery lives on, says Simon Hacker

'Furry dice are still our favourite eyesores'

from the Wayne-and-Tracy sunvisor strip attached to a Vauxhall Viva, we're still desperately seeking stickers. The modern motor has evolved into a technological wonder, but drivers remain as passionate as ever about turning their cars into moving citadels of limp humour.

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Halfords, Britain's largest supplier of plastic rhetoric, says there is still a strong demand for the kind of wit that spawned such unforgettables as: "If you can read this, you're driving too close", or "Recycled Ferrari". But it believes the market has matured. The most popular buys in 1997 show health, patriotism and security top the agenda.

The best-selling sticker today is actually for other occupants - 'No Smoking' - followed by the Union Jack and 'Alarm Fitted'," a spokeswoman says. Cute parrot shapes and fluffy feline outlines are, however, still "im-mensely popular" and the classic furry dice are still hanging in there as the most popular in-car evesores.

Behavioural analysts interpret car stickers as a friendly gesture from one fellow driver to another. "We can't communicate as we might before cars were invented," says psychologist Rob Woods. "So we use stickers foremost as a way of simply saying hello. If you want to establish membership

TOP SELLERS

- 2. Union (Jack) flag 3. Warning: Alarm Fitted
- 5. Baby on Board 6, Child in Car
- 7. EU flag
- 8. Belt up Flag of St Andrew 10. National flag of Wales

of a certain subculture, sticker becomes a badge of

belonging."

Surfers might go for "Hot
Tuna" or "Fat Willy's Surf
Shack" as a badge for an
unconventional lifestyle, he says, while others prefer to proclaim social responsibility by indicating that they slow down for horses.

While commuters spend more time furning in traffic and reports of road rage summer roads.

'Up yours, pal' and you've just cut someone up, it would probably induce a reaction." says safety expert Kevin

craze began with the Lions of Longleat, back in 1966. The UK's first safari park hit upon the idea of issuing "We've seen



increase, the RAC believes a badly-timed sticker might help to raise the temperature on "If it's words to the effect of

Delaney. Any sticker-spotter worth his salt will tell you that the the Lions of Longleat" stickers

as car passes.

Tourist traps from Madame Tussauds to Legoland have followed suit and the trend has gone global. As you read this, Toyota drivers are cruising round Tokyo, telling all and sundry that their occupants have been to Alton Towers.

Scour the acres of kitsch. however, and there is the odd glimmer of post-modern intellect to be appreciated: "When God created men, she was only joking." is, apparently fairly drole to some women. Equally. "My other car's a Porsche" might be faintly

amusing when stuck ironically on to a 911.

But if you're overwhelmed with the desire to reach out and communicate with the hapless fellow who finds himself behind you, be sure to be economical: sticker collecting can prove illegal. The law on rear visibility is covered by the Road Vehicles Construction and Use Act (1986), which can lead to prosecution for "failure to maintain glass or windscreen so as not to obscure the visions of the driver. Driving with too many stickers, comes under the Act and is covered by a non-endorsable £20 fine.

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It's a stick-up: obscuring the driver's vision by covering windows with jokes and declarations can land you a £20 fine under the Road Vehicles Construction and Use Act HAS YOUR CAR BECOME A MOBILE BILLBOARD?

THE MESSAGE on the sticky-backed plastic would often be enough to make a Blue Peter presenter blush and they don't have to be confined to the rear windscreen. The message is is usually blunt, and quickly delivered to its target audience.

Which is why advertisers have been quick to realise that the motorist and his or her sticker could be useful in delivering messages about their products.

"The best way to promote a message," says Sven Olsen of advertising gurus, Banks Hoggins O'Shea. "is to get it on to the streets — and there's no better way to get to a captive audience sitting in a traffic jam than on the rear window of the car in front."

Garages, never backward in coming forward, usually take the opportunity to make the motorist their advertising vehicle without even bothering to ask permission or offer the recompense of a small fee.

Jim McKechnie, sales manager at Dutton Forshaw in Aylesbury, Oxfordshire, says Nissans begin their driving lives bedecked with a 12in by 3in dealership sticker, but many return for their first service without them.

"A lot of customers strip them straight out, but we have to put up with some pretty awful replacements. Many of our team are traumatised by bad-taste stickers, but dead sun-bleached Garfields are definitely the worst."

The inner-space craft

ROAD TEST

Ian Morton

on Mazda's subtle new 626

The Japanese have a word for it kaizen, which means continuous improvement. It matters not if a new car gives a first impression of being blandly updated interpretation of the model it replaces, as long as it incorporates kaizen.

Although the new Mazda launched today in Britain, the company's fastest growing market - re-uses the existing floorpan, chassis and engines and does not exactly take a giant stride into a new era of design, it abounds in logical progress.

Much of it has emerged

from Mazda's new styling centre in Germany set up to assimilate European virtues, tastes and needs. To the informed eye, there

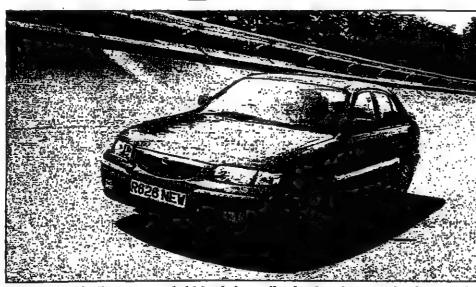
are sundry visual differences, including the smile-shaped grille which Mazda is adopting as its family look, but the central impression is of a chunkier overall presence for, despite having the same wheelbase as the old model at 15ft, the new car is unusually and significantly five inches shorter.

A classic space-management exercise has taken place. All the interior dimensions are increased and there is a bigger and better-shaped boot too. Usable space is emphasised by greater simplicity of interior

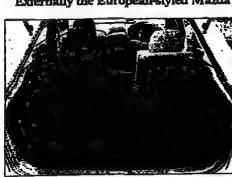
The control area is frankly plain - a positive step away from the sort of complex, glossy presentations that drivers of executive and larger family cars have become familiar with Some sort of purification process? Whatever, it is easier to get used to. Yet the specification is richer

in practical ways. Even the basic five dooor 1.8 at £13,960 includes "intelligent" air-conditioning (a set-and-forget system which accounts for the IAC badge on all new models). electric windows all round, electric mirrors, remote central locking and 60/40 split rear scating.

There are eight models in



Externally the European-styled Mazda is smaller, but interior space has increased





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all, culminating in the five door 2-litre SE whose £18,760 rag buys electric sunroof, antilock brakes, twin airbags, side airbags, traction control, wood trim, alloy wheels and a clever hard-backed front passenger seat which folds flat into a picnic table or work surface.

Il this is calculated to undercut, specification for specification, cars such as Ford's Mondeo and the Vauxhall Vectra. Estate and diesel models are due next

Assuredly, they will do nothing to ease the competitive pressures in this key sector of the motoring arena.

In performance terms, the new 626 offers no great advance. At Mazda's proving ground at Miyoshi in Japan, I saw 0 to 30mph in 3.5 seconds and 0 to 60mph in nine seconds from the top, manualgearbox 136bhp 2-litre, with 4.5 and 11.6 seconds from the automatic version. These are hardly ground-breaking ligures, and Mazda's quoted maximum of 130mph was nor the outside front wheel, the

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banked circuit. But there was no doubt at all about the improvement in handling. The steering of the old 626 might be described as pleasant enough most of the time, but vague at decisive moments. Hustle the 1980sdesigned model into a corner and it throws its weight on to

ispension engaging in harsh road roughness while the back-end hints that it fancies an outward-bound course.

Now try the new car: steering is still cushioned, even remote, but it has acquired a responsiveness that boosts confidence while the plunging motion has gone and the suspension absorbs bumps instead of fighting them. Noise levels, not excessive

before, are further subdued. The 136bhp engine sounds and feels unstrained even when approaching its 6,600rpm maximum, and at 70mph in the manual (a creditable 2.600rpm in the automatic), it is barely humming a tune. Wind noise is slight too. If anything is to intrude on motorway conversation it will be road texture, but even the most coarse comes through as

just a deep rumble. This car is going to impress anyone using it as a daily work tool and over long family 'journeys. If its improvements are soberly presented, they are still real and practical.

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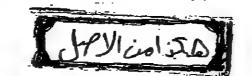
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The biggest change is the replacement of the old C280's six-cylinder in-line engine with the 2.8-litre V6 first seen in the E-class, while a new 2.4-litre version of the 2.8 V6 replaces the four-cylinder C230, and is predictably labelled the C240.

Many Mercedes owners will take these engines for granted, but they are technically interesting. They have three valves per cylinder, instead of the now-usual four. and two spark plugs per cylinder - both improving exhaust emissions particularly after a cold start. There is also a balancer shaft to help engine smoothness.

Aluminium or magnesium alloys are used instead of iron to save weight. At just under 150kg, the 2.8-litre V6 is 50kg

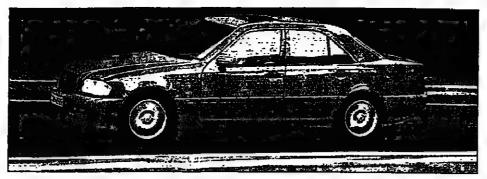
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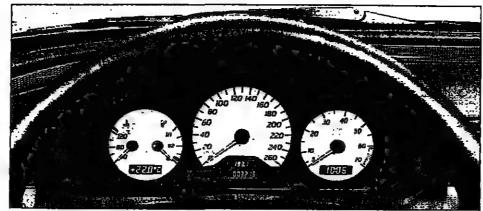
The 2.8 V6 engine turns out 197bhp at 5,800rpm (4bhp more than the in-line six it replaces) and 195lb/ft of torque between 3,000 and 4,800rpm; the 24 V6 delivers 170bhp at 5.900rpm and 166lb/ft between 3,000 and 5,000rpm. The rest of the engine range

is as before: 1.8 and 2-litre. four-cylinder four-valves, the 2:3-litre supercharged four (now also available in C-class estates in some markets, if not Britain), and the two diesels — the 2.2-litre, four-cylinder and the 2.5-litre, turbocharged fivecylinder.

As well as two normal airbags, all C-class models now have side airbags for front occupants as standard. You will need to be observant to spot the new cars when they go on sale in Britain later this month; external changes are limited to body-colour side



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Body is much the same, but the dashboard now tells you when to go for a service

skirts and bumpers with integral spoilers. Oh, and the

grille is slightly restyled.

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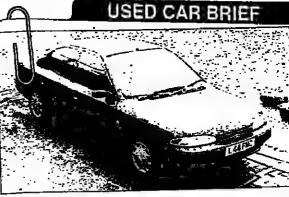
Instead of normal service intervals, the C-class's tlashboard display warns the driver when to get the car serviced. This uses to an engine sensor that measures oil cleanliness. This idea, similar to one used

NEW C240

Engine V6 24 litre giving 170bhp at 5,900rpm, driving through five-speed auto and rear-wheel drive. No manual option. Performance: 0 to 60mph in 9.7 seconds; top speed 135mph. Fuel consumption: 19.8 miles to the gallon in town but 28.5 miles to the gallon average on the European combined cycle. Price: £27,140 (Classic): £30,260 (Sport and Elegance estates).

by BMW many years ago, will aid long-distance drivers who subject their cars to fewer oildamaging cold starts. It could save them up to 30 per cent on running costs by stretching service intervals to 12,500 A drive in the two Vos with

5-speed automatic transmission — you won't be able to LOOK FOR buy a manual-gearbox V6 in Britain - showed them to be beautifully smooth and responsive, very quiet mechanically with, however, a delightful subdued cry from the engine when revved hard.



FORD MONDEO
The Mondeo took up where the Sierra left off; to retain Ford's lead in the competitive mid-size family and company car sector. An early feather in the Mondeo cap was the 1994 European Car of the Year award, deserved as one of the most rewarding cars in its class to drive, thanks to advice on its development from three-times world motor racing champion Jackie Stewart. Available as hatchback, saloon or estate with 1.8, 1.8, 2-litre and 2.5-litre V6 petrol engines, as well as 1.8-litre turbo diesel.

Is safety first, a priority with the Mondeo, First In Is class to get a driver's airbag as standard, other safety pluses include ami-submarining costs and cost both scools and cost both scools. seats and seat-belt grabbers. On bettar-equipped models, there is also anti-lock braking, and all care

The 115 brake horse power 1.5-litre, which is recognised as the best of the bunch. The

have lived a harsh life and check you are getting what you think you are buying. Ford chopped and changed the range so early Ghlas came with air conditioning as standard but this became an option following a 1995 range revenue.

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passengers where space is cramped. Intrusive motorway noise is also a complaint. Though

there are plenty of saloon and hatchback Mondeos for sale, the highly rated but rarer estate version commands a price premium of £500 to £600,

dissal is a disappointment. Buyers need look for nothing more than LX tim which offers airbag, surroof, finted glass, central locking and electric front windows.

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ic with average mileage, could be £15,500. Even with a full service, history in your hands, watch for engine smoke on cars with higher than aver-

TDS; a 1993 K-reg automat-

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age mileage. Colour is crucial when buying a BMW: the wrong one sends used prices plummeting, so avoid non-metallics.

■ CITROEN'S BX can be comfortable, while dieselengined derivatives have a justifiably sound reputation for reliability and longev-

ity. Expect to pay from E3,500 to £4,000 for a 1991 H-reg five-door turbo TGD on average miles. Collapsing seats and torn interiors plague the BX, and servic-ing and parts are relatively pricey. Cars in bright colours can be hard to find.



STRANGE that Peugeot's sister.company is not so hidebound. The press release from Citroen comes out with the facts in the second paragraph: new Citroens get extra equipment, El,000 cashback, two years' free insurance and up to 2,000 free Air Miles. A first-time buyer could take a 1-litre, 50 brake horse power, and charmingly-named, Saxo Mischief with compact disc player at

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Yamaha's super-scooter, the Majesty, is great in town but not quite up to long distances, says Paul Myles

Commuter's fair-weather pal

for millions of commuters might now be a Government priority, but there's little choice for the poor daily traveller facing distances of more than 25 miles.

One option, however, may be the new breed of super-scooter, which offers economical and environmentally friendly transport. Super-scooters like Yamaha's new Majesty are masters of mileage, gobbling up

distance in an easy, relaxed way.

The secret is their automatic transmission, which uses a V-belt system that changes ratio in a constant unbroken stream. The seamless gearchange system is very like that developed on the old Daf Variomatic car: free from steps and kick-down.

The system changes the gear ratio in proportion to the engine speed, thus making supremely efficient use of the motor's power. On the Majesty, the system is coupled with a gutsy little water-cooled 250cc four-stroke that gets the bike away from traffic lights quickly enough to surprise many bigger machines.

crowded urban streets, where its blend of nowe and lightweight flickability make easy work of the traffic. Progress is brisk yet extremely relaxed, with none of the stress usually accompanying city driving.

The power plant is capable of a

top speed of around 80mph with a realistic cruising speed about 10mph lower. Economy at these speeds is also impressive, at 60 miles to the gallon or more. On the face of it, this should make the Majesty as wellsuited to motorway touring as to urban traffic. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

In trying to build a machine to excel in town, Yamaha has sacrificed motorway prowess. The machine just does not have enough weather protection and high-speed stability to attract commuters who have to use motorways.

Strangely, while the bike keeps most of the rain off - after a threequarter hour ride you stand a chance of being drier than after a five-minute walk in the rain - the bodywork does a poor job of keeping wind off the rider.



The Majesty's sizeable fairing keeps most rain off the rider, but does not protect sufficiently from winter's cold and buffeting

In comparison with the only other super-scooter to reach our shores. Honda's CN250 -- which the company sadly no longer imports — the Majesty might be a better machine through congested roads but cannot compete with the royally appointed CN on high-speed, high-mileage

The difference is in size. While the CN accommodates a full-grown European male with ease, the Majesty seems to be designed for those standing little more than five feet tall in stockinged feet. At 5ft

9ins, I proved too high in the saddle for protection from wind-buffeting

This is at odds with Yamaha's own marketing claims for the machine. The company sees the Majesty as an alternative for commuters who want to give up the train or car.

Jeff Turner, Yamaha UK's motorcycle sales director, says: "We are hoping that people will buy this bike instead of a season train ticket. With the extra power and speed potential, the Majesty will suit people travelling around 30 miles into work, which a smaller scooter would be. hard pressed to do in comfort."

amaha's theory rests on the rander communer, sheuqing something more than £2,000 a year on a season ticket. The Majesty's price tag of £3.999 buys two years of travel with a vehicle worth about £2,000 at the end of it.

In practice, I can't see the average punter riding the Majesty in the teeth of a British winter: the weather

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protection is just not good enough.
Only a handful of the top big-bike tourers and, possibly, Honda's CN would tempt even dedicated bikers away from the cosy, if cramped, warmth of a train carriage during our coldest weather

That makes the Majesty's price seem expensive as summer-only transport, because it would take four years to recoup the alternative train fare - a shame because the little Majesty is a joy to ride around town and, with development, could be improved for the longer trips.

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Q Can New Labour really mean new rail neket Or is there some other way I can sensibly get to work before the Government clobbers motorists in the Budget?

Depends on where you A are and when you need to be in your office. But perhaps you should be examining how you travel to work anyway, for the sake of your children and grandchildren.

Alright for you to say, but you try it. There is no bus service, and when I have to leave home I have to sit in a traffic jam for most of the two miles to the office and then find a parking space.

So walk. Or ride a bike. A Why sit in the traffic when there are ready-made and cheap ways of getting there? Instead of spending money on a car, buy a decent pair of shoes and do your cardiovascular system a favour at the same time.

I might have expected that from a doctor. What

A Get wet. Buy a raincoat or an anorak, or an umbrella or something some-thing. People like you are so defeatist

But why shouldn't I get full use of my car? It is a safe and convenient form of transport.

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— sensibly. Not every journey needs a car, and cars hate very short journeys in crawling traffic - it does the engine no favours. The Government just wants you to look at your daily needs and plan your journey so that you don't unnecessarily burn fossil fuel. create pollution and conges tion. If you want to be stylish and dry, ride a scooter, buy a bubble car. Anything, Just think before you drive.

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supremo John Prescott would turn in his tube train at the idea, but the reward for a year of hard work for Yvonne Williams is just about as politically incorrect as they come: a pink Mercedes. The gleaming Cl80 Elegance, worth around £21,000, stands in her

drive - but not for long because it

will soon be replaced by an SL sports

Yvorme works for Mary Kay Ash, a multi-millionairess who launched a cosmetics empire 34 years ago in

Dallas, Texas. Yvonne, 40, is one of 475,000 women worldwide who sell Mary Kay cosmetics to 23 million

customers, turning over £1.8 billion annually. For the best saleswomen,

the bonuses are handsome, ranging

from diamond rings to new cars -

but always in the company's trade-

"How many people can say their boss pays them in pink Mercs — and

just for selling lipsticks and powder?" says the sales director who lives in

Worcestershire. "I love the colour. After all it's different and it is the

earners have been given a pink
Mary Kay Cadillac. Here
Yvonne was the first of six top-selling
directors to be given a pink

The choice of a Mercedes is no

seen by other employees who join the

What of the SL though? That

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Nick Lander: amazed at poor foreign driving

COMPETITION UPDATE

Company men take off at Gatwick

A COMPANY boss with a keen interest in road safety led the way in the latest heats of The Times/Lease Plan Com-pany Car Driver of the Year competition, Tony Dawe

Nick Lander, managing director of Howard Pumps into practice what preaches by winning the second of two heats staged near Gatwick Airport.

He coped well with the braking test, fault-finding and route-planning .exercises and struggled only on the manouvering test when he twice lost the ball balanced in a large saucer on the bonnet of the competition's Nissan Primera SRi.

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poor standard of driving. Competitions like this help to ensure we do better in

Corporation, of Kingston upon Thames, was amazed at his success in the first heat. "My colleagues claim I am the most dangerous driver on the fleet," he oked "But I must have driven carefully on the road test for I sent my co-driver



Gary Slade, a senior account director for the Sitel

Gary should be well rest-ed for the finals at the Silverstone Driving Centre on July 4, for he will be flying back from holiday in

Yvonne Williams with her Cl80 Elegance, worth around £21,000, which will soon be replaced by an SL sports with a £58,000 price tag and, in delicate pink, feminine. It is the perfect middle-management transport safe and solid, not too sensible sporting transport with a decent-sized boot and crash-worthiquick - with a 0 to 60mph time of 11.2 ness ratings which mean there is a seconds and top speed of 120mph good chance the mirror in a woman's and not too thirsty - offering about 27 miles to the gallon on average. But it is aspirational, the kind of reward powder compact will escape unscathed in a crash.

No wonder the Mary Kay girls work their sheer ten-denier tights off. for their "rewards".

Angela Humphries. 34, another proud owner of a pink Mary Kay Mercedes-Benz Cl80 and waiting for her SL says: "The C-class Elegance is fantastic, very luxurious. It has all the electric features and I think it looks the part for this business. All my clients seem to like it."

near my new home and within minutes I'd made contact with several potential clients," says Angela. Mary Kay cosmetics aren't available in the shops, the process of selling is a franchise system, selling to family and friends at private parties, a bit like the indefatigable

concept pioneered by Tupperware. Consultants who achieve £150,000 worth of sales in six months relatively easy if like Yvonne they've recruited 12 other consultants whose sales are subsequently accredited to her - start qualifying for their

living in a huge pink mansion, with, among many other rooms, 11 pink bathrooms. Her maxim, known as the Mary Kay-way, is: "God first, family second, career third."

he strongly opposes women sporting masculine haircuts" and wearing "slacks on the job". In true Dame Barbara spirit. Ms Kay believes: "Women were made feminine for a reason and we should strive to maintain our femininity.

Don't you love her already? Nevertheless, her army of cosmetics consultants are big earners, which might cause jealousy at home. But Yvonne says: "My partner isn't intimidated

he complains about the Mercedes being pink, he's proud of what I've

Both Yvonne and Angela say they have been motivated by the success of their American colleagues where nearly 60 employees are millionaires, with garages full of Pink Cadillacs, while the business has more \$50,000 plus women earners than any other.

In countries such as Russia and Thailand, the consultants are a little more discreet with their rewards, for fear of criminal attention. However, the cosmetics are sold in 25 countries from Sweden to New Zealand and this year sees the launch of Mary Kay in the Czech Republic.

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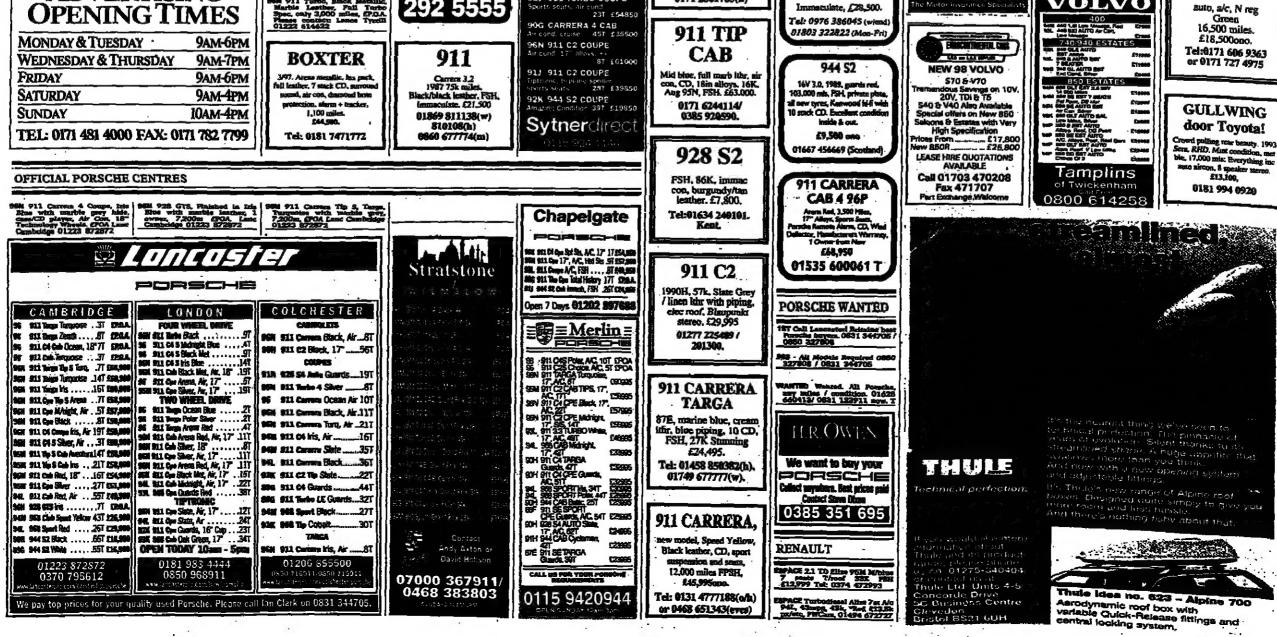
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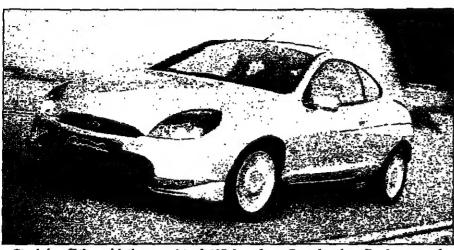
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It's goodbye to the drawing board: Stuart Birch on Ford's first car wholly designed on a supercomputer

Clever mouse virtually gives birth to Puma



Straight off the grid: the coupé took 135 days from first sketch to final approval

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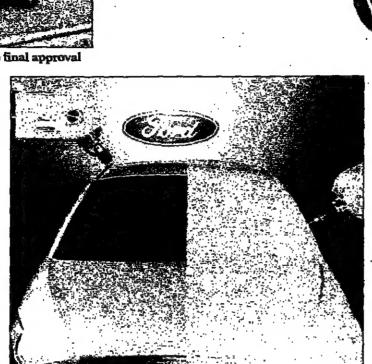
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computer work. Ford reckons the computer technology used in its design process is now ahead of every other car manufacturer. It has spent heavily on computer-aided industrial design but is confident that, overall, it will save time and money. It also allows designers greater freedom to express their creative talents and to

make changes in their designs easily and quickly," adds Lobo. Late in 1993, the company decidtaxpayer - 30 million - in fewer than ten minutes. The company's Triton computer can deal with the ed it needed a new small coupé phenomenal number of calculabased on the Fiesta platform. The tions needed for a frontal crash design team was asked for ideas simulation in just 15 minutes. and over a weekend came up with The Puma is a significant car for .50. some drawn with pen and Ford, the first designed completely paper, many created via an elecon computer, says Claude Lobo, tronic pen on a pressure-sensitive director of design at the company's pad. Some of the designers used their powerful workstations - each small and medium vehicle centre with a processing capability equiv-alent to about 15 personal computwhich is based both in Britain and Germany. "We can build a virtual

vehicle on computer." he says. The 50 designs were reduced to covering every aspect from design to crash testing, from ride and handling to interior packaging." six and turned into three-dimensional mathematical data models In future, physical prototypes will primarily be used just to verify on computer, with aerodynamics. crashworthiness, cooling and body

ers — at home.



Ford used computer-driven milling machines to build models

The design team created 50 sketches over a weekend, many via electronic pens stiffness assessed. Designers and engineers worked together from the start, allowing technology and aesthetics to be quickly modified and design development time to be cut. The six designs were pruned to two and animations produced. Ford says it has more animation process ing capacity than Disney used for its film, Tov Storv.

Ford also uses video compositing, which takes the pre-computed animation and places it in a "real world scenario". So a showroom can be videotaped with actors walking around a turntable to evaluate a vehicle - even though it is not physically present. This video sequence is mixed with pre-computed animations of a car rotating on a turntable and then projected through a high-definition television system to be watched by an invited audience, who give their opinions.

Traditionally, that has been done at "clinics" with the real car on show. Now that is unnecessary. Using computer animation, several clinics can be held on the same day in different countries.

But creating a three-dimensional model remains a vital element of the design process, says Lobo. "I don't not think we will ever reach the stage of not having a physical model to evaluate before giving the final go-ahead for a design. We live and function in a three-dimensional world. Any good designer needs to relate to a design as it actually exists as a solid object."

t Ford though, even the creation of that solid model has changed — again thanks to computers. Its design centres in Dunton, Essex, and Merkenich near Cologne in Germany, have been equipped with a computer-driven, five-axis milling machine. Ford believes they are the most advanced in the automotive industry. Once the Puma design on computer was close to maturity, the data could be fed to the milling machine, which produced a highly accurate physical full-scale model.

Material used by the machine may be clay, foam or synthetic wood. Operating with the dexterity of a surgeon, it can even take the computer-generated data to create a tiny, Dinky-sized Puma less than

10cm long. Because Ford's design centres are linked by the company's "electronic umbrella communications system, a design created on computer in Essex can be sent electronically to any other Ford design centre, including those in America. Japan and Australia.

But a concern with all this computerisation is that cars might become soulless lumps of machinery, like refrigerators or cookers. Lobo is well aware of the danger.

Technology is a means to an end, not an end in itself. Car design is not just about hitting keys on a computer keyboard. Technology is simply a tool. It does not replace the creativity and innovation of the designer or modeller. Design is about emotion, passion and spirit. The role of design technology should be to help develop these human traits to increasingly high levels - not replace them.





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